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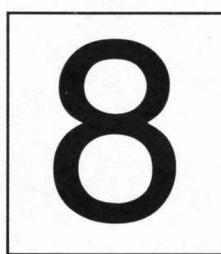
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ABOUT THIS ISSUE

The letter writing policy enunciated in our last issue raised concern among some of our readers. Our collective further discussed the issue, and to clarify, the *ALARM* no longer will print submissions that promote oppression.

The fact that we aren't printing speciesist, racist, sexist, heterosexist or ablist articles or "letters to the editor" has nothing to do with censorship or "free speech." The reality that we live in a society of domination and oppression means that we do not have to print hate speech in the pages of a revolutionary journal. Hate speech encourages the violence of oppression and even printed in full form with a liberato-



ry reply does not address the power relationship that exists in society. Printing two perspectives, one after the other (hate vs. liberation), comes from the belief that there is an equal level for dialogue. This is a lie. The voices of hate surround us and dwell within us. Space in this journal will be treated like the space in our lives: hate speech will not go unattended! We must attack it to wipe it out; critically and actively! Thus, it is our decision to place hate speech that is relevant to our movement in a critical context (as we have done already).

We refuse to print any piece of hate mail be it an article or a "letter to the editor." Any mail we receive and write about we will offer to you, our reader. Just send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

We have also decided to stop personally responding to mail that we receive as "letters to the collective" to be printed in the *ALARM*. We think that dialogue between collective members and readers needs to go on, but we feel that the *ALARM* collective shouldn't be hogging the discussion. Our policy for now

is that when we get a letter to the collective to be printed, we won't reply until it's printed in the *ALARM*. After we choose what letters get printed and the *ALARM* comes out, expect a letter back from all correspondence!

Just remember...ACT UP! and
NO COMPROMISE!

-the alarmists

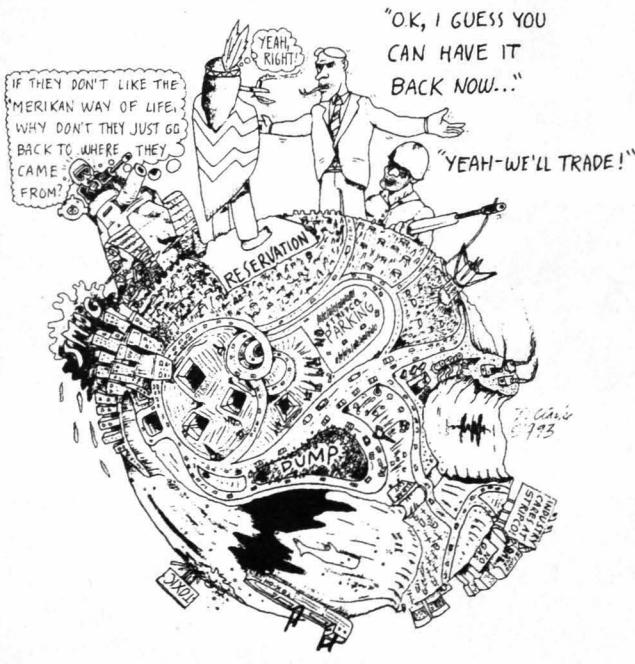
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ABOUT THE COVER:

This photo was taken during the northeast regional Day of Outrage against the United States Forest Service on August 23rd at the Green Mountain National Forest Headquarters in Rutland, VT. This particular Day of Outrage, during which one activist was arrested, was planned to protest their policy of destroying the last and largest contiguous wilderness remaining in the lower 48 States. It is the opinion of some activists that the only way to save the forests is to "Destroy the Forest Service."

Photo: A. Petermann



Graphic: D. Clarke

One of Webster's definitions of alarm is "a mechanism that warns of danger, arouses from sleep, etc." With the *ALARM* we hope to arouse the human species from mental hibernation. With awakening, hopefully empowerment will follow to prevent the further desecration of Gaia.

The *ALARM* intends to be a revolutionary ecological news quarterly published by Biodiversity Liberation Front. The *ALARM* is part of the international direct action movement that takes a no compromise stance in defense of Mother Earth. The *ALARM* will not print any articles that are racist, sexist, homophobic or speciesist. Responsibility in this publication rests with the individual authors and correspondents. The contents do not necessarily represent the viewpoints of this publication, the ecology movement, local ecology groups or individual activists. Although the *ALARM* does not accept the authority of the hierachal and patriarchal state, nothing herein is intended to run anyone associated with the *ALARM* afoul of any government's police power.

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The Action Page

NE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST STRATEGY SESSION

Biodiversity Liberation Front will host the Fall 1993 Northeast Environmental Activist Strategy Session which will take place October 8-10. This gathering is designed to assemble activists from around the northeast to discuss a holistic strategy for our region. The gathering will be in the White Mountain National Forest near the town of West Bethel in Maine, just over the border from New Hampshire on Route 2. For more information about this event, contact the *ALARM* (see the Resource Directory).

On the Monday following the gathering, there will be a regional Columbus Day demonstration to protest Hydro-Quebec's plans to damn the Innu and the Ste. Marguerite River this fall.

For further regional events see page 16

INTERNATIONAL VEGETARIAN WEEK

September 27th through October 3rd is being called as International Vegetarian Week. This week is designed to introduce new people to a meat-free diet as well as pointing out to society the evils of the factory farm industry and the environmental devastation caused by the beef industry.

We Are the Experimental Animals

which one of us will be coaxed out next?
you just begin to have a new friend with burning eyes made
and any tomorrow...frenzied...gone
none have ever come back--
out there lightning comes down,
hear screaming,
or reports of the chemically frozen ones daily...endlessly testing under
cold florescents flickering beautiful in your shut-tight eyes
but mostly its that thick sprayed scent creeping back into our cages
all night all day
from that hardly discernable jungle of test-tube glass.

Jim DeWitt



Graphic courtesy: *The Poor, the Bad and the Angry*

NATIVE FOREST NETWORK NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE

The Eastern North American Native Forest Network will be hosting the First North American Temperate Forest Conference at the University of Vermont in Burlington, November 11th through the 14th, 1993. For more information on what has been called the most important forest conference of '93, see back page.

NFN ROADSHOW

The Native Forest Network roadshow, a prelude to the NFN North American Conference, will feature speakers, music and slide-show presentations with a focus on the native forests of this continent, Australia and elsewhere.

Dates and cities for the roadshow in the east are as follows: Kansas City, MO-Fri, Oct 22; Columbia, MO--Sat, Oct 23; St. Louis, MO—Mon, Oct 25; Carbondale, IL—Tues, Oct 26; Bloomington, IN—Wed, Oct 27; Nashville, TN—Thurs, Oct 28; Knoxville, TN—Fri, Oct 29; Asheville, NC—Sat, Oct 30; Sautee, GA—Wed, Nov 3; Charlotte, NC—Thurs, Nov 4; Charlottesville, VA—Fri, Nov 5; Washington, DC—Sat, Nov 6; New York, NY—Mon, Nov 8; Petersham, MA Tues, Nov 9.

For information concerning the roadshow contact Suzanne at (206) 542-1356.

NAFTA WEEK OF ACTIONS OCTOBER 17-23, 1993

The Greens/Green Party USA are calling for a week of actions to stop the North American Free Trade Agreement from being approved by Congress. For more info contact Don Fitz at (314) 727-8554.

INTERNATIONAL MCDONALDS DAY OF ACTION

October 16, 1993 is Worldwide Day of Action Against McDonalds. People from around the world will be organizing actions at their local pushers of "death-beef" and secret sauce. Organize a demo of your own! Ask them about their "rain-forest beef" policies. Ask them why they want people from the third world to starve so that overweight Americans can stuff their faces with their so-called "food" while they laugh all the way to the bank. Ask them about their policy of animal torture for profit.

For more information contact your local Greenpeace office or the *ALARM*.

ANTI-FASCIST RALLY NOVEMBER 9, BURLINGTON

"Pogromnacht", November 9, in Germany is a day of anti-fascist demonstrations. Solidarity actions are being planned across Europe and North America including Burlington, VT. We encourage you to take action with us. For more information about the local demo contact autonome forum (see resource directory, back page).

ANTI-BIOTECH WORKING GROUP

A group of activists have revitalized the (anti) Biotechnology Working Group in Burlington, VT. The group is anti-biotechnology when genetically engineered products are developed that ignore the ethical, social, and economic impacts on the community. The Working Group demands full public debate on the development of biotechnologies. For more info on the group contact Dan at 453-2630.

NFN Activist Arrested During Confrontation With U.S. Forest Service Over Destruction Of Roadless Area In Idaho

by Anne Petermann

Activists from the international Native Forest Network (NFN) and Earth First! (EF!) converged on the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) Service headquarters in Rutland, VT, on Monday, August 23rd where they occupied the roof, hanging a 25 foot banner reading "Destroy the Forest Service." The lobby was occupied and business as usual disrupted as a show of solidarity with dozens of arrested activists in Idaho who are trying to protect the largest roadless area in the contiguous United States.

The seven Rutland police officers present arrested Eastern North American NFN coordinator Orin Langelle for refusing to leave a "restricted area." This was done after he fired the Forest Service (FS) employees for their complicity in the decimation of this nation's public forests. Langelle refused to leave unless he was allowed to call USFS Chief F. Dale Robertson to complain about the situation in Idaho. Langelle was carried out by the police officers when the call was not allowed.

When NFN activists and EF!ers attempted to lodge complaints about the Forest Service conduct in Idaho, Mary Jeanne Packer, GMNF Planner refused to cooperate stating that if the activists wished to lodge complaints about Idaho, they would have to go to Idaho.

The USFS in the Nez Pierce National Forest is attempting to carve a road through the roadless area in Idaho, an area



NFN Activists reclaim the US Forest Service Building in Rutland, VT with a new sign during the Northeast Regional Day of Outrage. One activist was arrested. Photo: A. Petermann

of over 160,000 acres. This road will open up the area to clearcutting which will affect 75-90% of the wilderness. Wildlife which will be detrimentally affected by the road and clearcutting include the gray wolf, grizzly bear, wolverine, peregrine falcon, bald eagle, goshawk, pileated woodpecker, fisher, pine martin, elk and anadromous fish.

In addition to protesting the situation in Idaho, activists also expressed their outrage over the increase in Forest Service activity in the GMNF specifically with the Fowler Brook and Lamb Brook timber sales. These increases may be due, in part, to dealers in Japan and China who recently

began paying top dollar for New England logs, particularly White Pine. This sudden interest comes as no surprise with many areas of the Pacific northwest now off-limits to protect the spotted owl. This has greatly increased the pressure on northeastern forests.

Orin Langelle had this to say about the USFS policies, "The USFS is allowing our National Forests to be destroyed. It is time to terminate this out-of-control Federal agency." He added, "We must demonstrate to the USFS that we in the northeast will not tolerate their policies toward the forests or toward non-violent activists."

Idaho Cove/Mallard Campaign Update

by Andy Buckley

The dramatic tale of actions in defense of the Idaho wilderness continues to evolve like species adapting to the changes of nature. To date, over 90 activists have been arrested or given citations due to their commitment to protect the largest roadless wilderness in the lower 48 from being decimated by corporate logging interests. The forest plunderers and their government puppets, otherwise known as the Forest (dis)Service, are becoming increasingly desperate in their attempt to intimidate and harass anyone who dares protect the forest.

On Sunday, August 8th 30-40 U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement officers

raided the privately owned camp of Earth First! activists near the town of Dixie in Central Idaho. They produced search warrants and ransacked the camp, taking hammers, nails, shovels, picks, climbing gear, unexposed film, diaries, axes, receipts and chewing gum. It was also reported in the Moscow-Pullman Daily News (Idaho) on August 9th that a "Grand Jury investigation may follow the raid".

Four people named in the search warrant are believed to be targets of this yet to be convened Grand Jury. The activists named are long-term and influential members of the Cove/Mallard campaign. Grand Juries have been used by the federal government to disrupt many social move-

ments including the American Indian Movement (AIM), the Sanctuary movement and most recently the animal rights movement.

Activists from around the country, and around the world have done actions in solidarity with the Cove/Mallard campaign. These solidarity actions have taken place in Vermont (see related article), Montana, Tallin (Estonia), Canberra and Sydney (Australia).

In an attempt to stop the protest, the company building the road recently filed a \$100,000 SLAPP suit against activists involved in the protests. To date, only six people have been named, but more are expected to follow.

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BOYCOTT HYUNDAI NOW, Abolish Wage Slavery, Save the Siberian Tiger

from the Burlington IWW group

The correlation of the exploitation of the working class and the destruction of the natural world is exemplified by South Korea's Hyundai Group. This anti-worker multinational has been identified with the destruction of the earth's largest forest reserves in the Former Soviet Union (FSU).

Earlier this summer, tens of thousands of workers put down their tools for better working conditions and higher wages, paralyzing operations at seven Hyundai units, including South Korea's largest carmaker, Hyundai Motor. Also struck were Hyundai Electrical Engineering and shipbuilder Hyundai Heavy Industries. The multinational countered with a manhunt for 10 members of Chonnohyop, the radical union group accused of masterminding the labor unrest.

This South Korean multinational is also the second largest timber shipper on the high seas. The Hyundai corporation

has been cutting the Siberian taiga on the coast of the Russian Far East at the rate of 300,000 cubic meters of wood per year. Not satisfied with that ecological carnage, Hyundai reportedly wants to boost its cuts to a million cubic meters per year for the next thirty years. *Wild Earth* magazine reports, "By the end of 1992 they (Hyundai) had clearcut a half million acre tract of virgin forest on the Pacific Slope of Sikhote-Alin Range. Along with cutting of the forests came foreign human settlement, pollution, and road building."

The indigenous Udege peoples, who live in these forests, are against the expansion. Their resistance continues, despite repeated efforts to woo them with gifts. According to Alexei Grigoriev, a Russian forest activist, Hyundai's large scale clearcuts are "uncontrollable."

In a clearcut example of multinationism regarding local economics and worker control, instead of employing local Siberians, Hyundai has brought in Korean

speaking Chinese to log the forests.

Back in South Korea the workers employed by Hyundai have been pressing their demands for over 40 days, putting down their tools for between two and six hours a day. The government has threatened to invoke emergency powers to intervene because Hyundai has lost some \$1.45 billion during the slow down. Workers who defy the possible government intervention face more arrests and intimidation.

"We know the government is coming to get us. But we are not afraid," said a spokesperson at the Federation of Hyundai Labor Unions in Ulsan. The endangered Siberian Tiger (Amur), of which there are only 200-300 left in the wild, were unavailable for comment and presumably would rather be left alone.

Sources: the Native Forest Network, Wild Earth, Reuters, alt.politics:radical-left, and the Amicus Journal.

MASSACRE IN BRAZIL**INDIGENOUS YANOMAMI MURDERED FOR GOLD**

compiled from various sources by the NFN

There are reports that at least 40, and possibly up to 100, indigenous Yanomami tribespeople were murdered by gold miners in the northern Brazilian Amazon sometime in the middle of August. Since those reports became public, the Brazil police and French anthropologist Bruce Albert now assert that only 16 Yanomami were massacred and the incident occurred in Venezuela, not Brazil.

Radio Habana Cuba stated that, "The National Indian Foundation claims the attack was premeditated saying the gold-panners first lured the Yanomami into the center of the village with food and then opened fire on them. The children and women were beheaded and chopped into pieces."

Radio Exterior de Espana broadcast that, "Officials have reported finding a number of spent bullet shells at the site of the charred, thatched dwelling which provided communal housing for the tribe."

Friends of the Earth International (FOEI) Amazonia Coordinator, Roberto Smeraldi, had written three times in the last few months to the Brazilian Minister of Justice asking for security to be provided in the Yanomami territory.

Smeraldi suggested that, besides look-

ing for those who executed the killing, authorities should evaluate the responsibility for the crime of those local politicians who, on Saturday, 14 August, on TV broadcasts had openly instigated local gold miners to invade the area "even with bloodshed, if necessary."

Some 20,000 Yanomami, many still highly isolated from the outside world, inhabit the forests of the Brazil-Venezuela border, with about 10,000 living in Brazil. A gold rush began in the mid-1980's bringing virulent malaria and epidemic diseases to the forest. Indigenous, human rights and environmental organizations in Brazil and internationally called insistently

for the legal and physical demarcation of the Yanomami territory, and the removal of the miners. Many miners were removed by the end of 1990 under federal court order, but military ministers, mining interests and the local political elite blocked the demarcation, arguing that recognizing the entire 9.6 million hectare area inhabited by the Yanomami in the border region represented a threat to Brazil's national security.

Anthropologists say it will be impossible to ever know exactly how many Yanomami were killed because of the cultural practices relating to their dead. The Yanomami often hide or burn dead bodies, rarely leaving them exposed.

TWYFORD DOWN DEMONSTRATORS JAILED

Six protesters, charged with ignoring injunctions on July 3rd preventing them from trespassing on the worksite of the controversial M3 Motorway which cuts through Twyford Down, were sentenced to twenty-eight days on Saturday July 24th.

The protesters, who admitted to the 'crime' explaining that they could not "stand idly" by while the Down was destroyed, had dared to walk onto the construction site wearing white placards, their injunction file numbers painted clearly on them.

The judge told the seven that it was a

"saddening task" to pass prison terms on such "fundamentally decent" people. However, he continued, "There is one more important thing than the downland, however beautiful, however precious, that is the rule of the law. You have been quick to snatch the martyr's crown; you may find it uncomfortable headgear."

The activists were released after 13 days. They received so much public support, including that of the Environment Minister and other MPs, that the Tories will hopefully think twice before jailing activists again.

WESTERN TIERS WINS REPRIEVE IN TASMANIAN FORESTRY CONFLICT

source: Native Forest Network

Southern Hemisphere

Deloraine, Tasmania (AUS)—The Tasmanian Government has postponed forestry operations in the Proposed Great Western Tiers National Park after prolonged state, national and international opposition to logging plans in the area.

Forestry operations were planned to commence on June 21 on the expiration of the ministerial consultation period. Activists were expecting Ray Groom, Premier and Minister for Forests to rubber stamp Forestry Commission Tasmania's (FCTAS) "management plan".

It seems that the area has become so

well known and the National Park proposal so broadly supported that the government has been forced to abide by its own "public consultation" rhetoric.

Logging of the unique dry sclerophyll eucalypt forests of the Tiers is still planned to go ahead in January, 1994. Activists now have a chance to gear up the campaign even further and make sure the area is spared the fate of most of Tasmania's forests which end up as the 2.8 million tonne annual export woodchip quota. The Tasmanian Government is currently trying to double this quota and build three new woodchip mills on an island the size of Sri Lanka.

All local activists would like to give a BIG "Thank You!" to all-of you people out there who sent faxes did demos and gave Groom a hard time over the past few months - it worked...for six months at least!

For further info contact: NFN, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine, Tasmania 7304. E-mail:cadwood@peg.apc.org.

(The NFN in the northern hemisphere organized two simultaneous solidarity demonstrations at Australian Consulates in May [see ALARM #7] one in Manhattan and the other in San Francisco, concerning the Great Western Tiers. Global solidarity actions work).

Skye Bridge in UK Threatens Otters and Ferry Workers

source: Alec Smart

Black & White and Green

The British Government and corporate criminals have devised a plan that will put both marine transporters out of work and destroy one of the largest otter populations in Europe. The plan is to build the highest paying toll bridge in Europe to Skye, Scotland. The private funding is coming from the Bank of America.

Building the access roads to the bridge will destroy some of the last mixed forests in the area. In addition, the bridge will cut through two small islands, Eilean Ban and Eilean Dubh, home to one of the

last otter colonies in Europe. The otters are supposedly protected under the Bern Convention and the British Wildlife and Countryside Act.

When polled, 80% of the local residents came out against the bridge. They expressed concern about the otters, their jobs, the outrageously high toll that will be charged to cross the bridge and also the structural safety of the bridge which would be built on a faultline through a channel with very strong currents.

Earth First! and the Industrial Workers of the World have set up an action camp, are organizing the communi-

ty and are issuing appeals for international solidarity actions. This resistance has been met with arrests and a major court injunction.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Write strong letters of protest to the Bank of America. Better yet, stage a demonstration at their local bank branch. Letters may be sent to Richard Morrison, Senior Vice President, The Bank of America, Box 37000, San Francisco, CA 94137 USA.

For more info contact: Rod, Earth ARC, Box E, 111 Magdalen Rd., Oxford OX4 1RQ England.

Environmental Devastation in Somalia

by Garth Allen

The United Nations has proposed building a dam on a fragile ecosystem on the Shebelle river to support the occupying UN troops with water. This dam will destroy a fragile ecosystem which includes the Shebelle Swamps, the last wetland in Somalia established as a National Park for its own protection.

This dam project follows many others that over the years have seriously disrupted the economic integrity of Somalia. Projects like this one, funded by the World Bank and the IMF, are actually the real causes of the Somali famine and the anti-colonial resistance that is growing in the Somali countryside.

Somalia has turned out to be the US's newest imperialist venture in the Middle East. Recent attacks by US soldiers and articles in the mainstream press are beginning to give the public at large a twinge of doubt that troops are there for a "humanitarian mission." According to Mitch Cohen who wrote "Somalia, and the Cyclical Manipulation of Hunger," the real rea-

son why troops were sent include: "the enlargement of military bases to patrol...strategically vital...oil tanker routes; the dumping of toxic, nuclear, and industrial wastes; tapping into Somalia's mineral reserves (including oil, 2/3 of which is owned by US corporations); ham-

UN wants to build dam.

mering an even-cheaper and dispensable workforce into existence; and creating the ability to militarily attack nearby forces that might threaten interests of US capital in the region." In addition, there have also been reports of brutal massacres of Somali civilians by UN soldiers.

A toxic waste trade pushed by the Italy has already led to the "building of two incinerators to be installed in Somalia that would handle at least two 550,000 ton shipments of toxic waste next year for an estimated profit of \$4.6 million." Even the UN Environmental Chief has said that the dumping 'could aggravate the destruction of Somalia's ecosystem and threaten further loss of life.' Silvia Federeci, editor of

the newsletter of the Committee for Academic Freedom in Africa stated, "Africa is being turned into the chemical/nuclear dustbin of the world, the region where expired pharmaceutical products, toxic wastes, and materials banned in other countries...are dumped."

The ecological devastation of Somalia continues to be rooted in the European tradition of colonialism and imperialism. The lies of "humanitarian aid" are being used to lull the public into complacency by those who continue to profit from the toxic waste trade, the excavation of mineral reserves, the arms trade, and the export of agricultural products from a previously self-sufficient agrarian society. The resistance to ecological destruction needs to join with the struggle against colonialism and racism, tearing away the lies of the state, who only protect the interests of the rich!

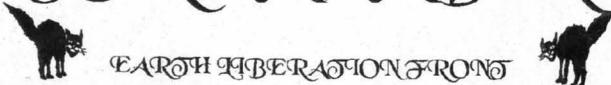
(for copies of Mitch Cohen's article or other info we left out because of space, contact the ALARM)

INTERNATIONAL EARTH NIGHTS*

OCTOBER 31st TO NOVEMBER 5th



MAKE IT A HALLOWEEN TO REMEMBER



DO OR DIE

-a Voice of British Earth First!

This strongly feminist-influenced Great Britain based zine covers the Earth First! and animal rights struggles in Great Britain and around the globe with a very strong and radical voice. Through the inclusion of a wide spectrum of articles from feminist issues to Native struggles to ecological struggles, both covert and overt, the zine is carrying forth the principles of ecology; that all is one. They further tie all of these issues together in a non-compromising way exemplified by their slogan on the cover "By any means necessary". To back this up, inside you will find Earth Night ads from various groups and a "Dear Nora" page with suggestions or questions from readers regarding monkeywrenching tactics.

Their April/May issue contained information about the Sea Shepherd's lat-

IT'S BACK! ECODEFENSE

The book *Ecodefense: A Field Guide to Monkeywrenching*, banned in Australia and partly responsible for trumped up conspiracy charges against one of its editors, Dave Foreman, is back on sale in an expanded third edition. No longer do elves or thumpers in the night have to rely (for their entertain-

ment purposes only) on bootlegged photocopied editions of this Gaian defense classic.

Highly recommended by A.K. Sarvis, M.D., whose healthy philosophy is that everyone should have a hobby, this extremely controversial book has detailed field tested hints from dozens of experts on how individuals can help promote industrial collapse.

INTERNATIONAL EARTH NIGHTS: OCTOBER 31st TO NOVEMBER 5th

The ALARM received the following communiqué which we are printing for the reader's entertainment purposes only and not as a promotion of illegal activities.

The Earth Liberation Front (ELF) is calling for international Earth Nights from October 31st through November 5th to protest the way the earth and all of its inhabitants are being destroyed by government policy and multinational greed.

We are calling for a broad alliance of all environmental, animal liberation, worker and revolutionary groups to take the opportunity on these nights to strike back together. Every minority should be allowed to

be heard and after all, actions do speak louder than words.

We have chosen Halloween as an ideal time to kick off the event since it is then when people are traditionally afraid to go out into the dark, afraid that the little people might get them. On this occasion, it is the uncaring profit barons that we hope to scare. It's time to make them realize that we have had enough of how things are run by them.

The one thing we ask is that there be no injury to life. The ELF is strictly a non-violent movement. Sabotage to property, however, is good and solid protest, by far the most effective means of disruption.

The 90's may not be pleasant but they sure as hell ain't gonna be boring. And hang on to your dignity by having a little bit of fun each day monkeywrenching the new world order. Pranks, now more than ever; in the office, at the Savings and Loan...My heroes are people who monkeywrench the new world order and just go out and do it and don't make an organization name thus ensuring they'll get caught.—Jello Biafra of Dead Kennedy's notoriety

LOGGING EQUIPMENT WRENCHED IN CORINTH, VT

(source: VT Valley News)

In the early morning hours of August 28th, the logging equipment of the Bradford Lumber Company was monkeywrenched. Four skidders and a chipper were destroyed with damage at an estimated \$50 to \$100,000 resulting.

Steve Johnson of Johnson Lumber said that the equipment was damaged by someone putting sugar in the fuel and oil of the heavy equipment at the site of a logging job in Corinth. "We have no equipment left. It just doesn't make sense. Someone just murdered

est sinking of a Norwegian whaling boat, an article about the Feminization of EF! by Judi Bari, a piece about the coalitions forming between EF! and Indigenous people, action updates regarding Twyford Down and other campaigns, news, an exposé on Ecover, suggestions for dealing

five machines," Johnson said.

When workers arrived at the scene, it is reported that they found a skidder running. The damage did not become apparent until the machines began to seize up. It was confirmed later that sugar had caused the trouble.

(alarmist response: Although we can neither condemn nor condone this action, it is quite clear to us that the destruction of machinery remains a non-violent act as it is impossible to murder something that was never alive.)

with the golf course problem, and much, much more. In the back are plenty of contacts for people with whom to hook up to get active.

For a sample copy, send £1 or \$1 to Do or Die c/o MSEF! PO Box 23, 5 High St., Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9DP.

When hugging trees is not enough, this tract will help the sleepless on moonless midnights.

Published by the Abzug Press, 1993. (1985), the paperback book can be ordered for \$20 from Ned Ludd Books, POB 85190, Tucson, AZ 85754-5190 (USA); phone (602) 628-9610.

THIS IS A DESERT



S. C. Reaman/Comandram Designs Inc.

Because of Forest Service practices, this area is a biological desert. For 100 years, as an agency under the Department of Agriculture, the US Forest Service has worked like a bad farmer turning out crops of timber without concern for the soil, air and water that nourished that crop. The Forest Service has managed your national forests to benefit the timber industry and ignored the biological ramifications of their policies in order to "get out the cut." Species are becoming extinct at an unprecedented rate, water quality is imperiled, the forests themselves are struggling to survive. Forest Service policies have proven unsustainable and still they continue to ignore federal environmental laws.

Did you know . . .

- The US Forest Service wastes \$500 million of your money on timber sales each year.
- Forest Service policies are destroying America's pure waters by overcutting, overgrazing, road building, polluting your rivers and streams.
- The Forest Service has built roads into roadless areas to prevent these regions from being considered as wilderness.
- Not just one owl on the west coast, but 2500 species may be threatened by Forest Service practices. The USFS ignores its legal mandate to protect all these species.
- Only 5% of our ancient forests are left and the Forest Service is actively planning to continue cutting.

To Save the Forests, We must Destroy the Forest Service

Based on its history, the USFS can not be reformed. Your forests are on the verge of ecological collapse, never to return. Private, multinational corporations should not be in control of your 191 million acres of national forest. Your money should not be spent to ravage America's ecological wealth.

To save the forests, your pure water and your money, please write President Clinton and your congresspersons insisting the US Forest Service be dismantled. Encourage them to transfer stewardship of lands now administered by the Forest Service to an entirely new agency under the Dept. of the Interior with protection of natural diversity and forest ecosystems as its priority.

Abenaki Struggle for Sovereignty Continues

by Garth Allen

The citizens of the Abenaki Nation continue to face the oppressive policies of the state of Vermont. Since the US Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal of the so-called "Elliot" decision in February, the State of Vermont has been relying on this decision to continue their campaign of stopping Abenaki people from asserting their sovereignty on their ancestral homeland. Although literally hundreds of minor criminal and traffic cases against Abenaki citizens were dismissed in May of this year, there are scores more which the state continues to pursue. Despite frustration, many Abenaki people continue to assert that under federal and international law, they have the right to hunt, fish, trap, gather and travel within their aboriginal homeland without regulation by the State of Vermont. It is becoming very evident to the State that no 24 page court decision

will stop the Abenaki Nation from a struggle that was begun 400 years ago by their ancestors. It is a struggle to survive as a unique and self-determined nation in the face of Euro-American colonization. The court dockets are once again filling up with non-violent, Abenaki civil disobedience cases concerning their assertions of sovereignty.

Abenaki people are also in opposition to the levies and taxes implemented at the local level. A number of cases involve Abenaki people who refuse to pay property taxes and building permits. Many Abenaki feel that the theft of their lands and the brutal oppression of their ancestors constitutes payment in full for any debt owed to the government. Abenaki people also cite federal and international law as protection in their use and occupancy of their aboriginal homeland.

To many Abenaki people, the need to fight through the courts is frustrating

because the Abenaki Tribal Council and politically active Abenaki citizens, spend most of their time trying to find ways of improving the many services they supply to their community and preserving the knowledge of their elders for future generations. It is obvious that these struggles for jurisdiction and "aboriginal rights" are but a part of their struggle for sovereignty, a struggle that will continue until the land is returned to the wisdom of over 10,000 years of residence.

Abenaki Reburial Fund

We are the Abenaki. We have lived on this land for over 12,000 years. This earth holds the dust of thousands of years of relations. Our bodies come from Mother Earth, she nurtures us, and when the cycle is completed, we offer our bodies back to Mother Earth...to give thanks...to remain one with the Universe.

Our sacred sites have been disturbed. In 1974, during the excavation for a foundation, one of our burials was found. When our burials are disturbed, the cycle of life and death is interrupted, a journey is broken. Our people suffer, sometimes the people involved in this desecration are harmed.

In 1990, after sitting in storage boxes at the University of Vermont for over five years, we demanded and received the



remains of our ancestors so that they could be returned to their proper resting place.

We have been unable to raise the necessary money to

purchase this 100 acre burial ground—land that we never sold. Our burial grounds are sacred to us and our ancient ones have waited too long to continue their journey.

What you can do:

Ask your representative to co-sponsor the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (H.R. 1709), introduced by Rep. Bill Richardson (D-New Mexico).

Ask your Senators to co-sponsor (S 784), sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nevada).

These bills protect consumers' access to dietary supplements and prohibit them from being regulated as drugs or food additives.

Presently we must raise over \$350,000. We need to complete this important task as soon as possible. But to do so we need your help. To send donations, make checks payable to Abenaki Reburial Fund and send to Abenaki Tribal Council, c/o Dee Brightstar, PO Box 276, Swanton, VT 05488.

FDA TO LIMIT CONSUMER ACCESS TO HERBAL REMEDIES

by Andy Buckley

In recent years, alternative forms of healthcare have been gaining more and more acceptance among the general public. Only as recently as a decade or two ago, such things as chiropractic, herbal medicine and acupuncture were dismissed as quackery by much of the established medical profession. Thankfully this is changing.

One government agency that seems immune to this growing acceptance of alternative healthcare and the benefits that many people are receiving from them, is the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). They are, in particular, frighteningly authoritarian when it comes to their view on dietary supplements, which include natural herbs, vitamins, minerals and amino acids.

For months, top FDA officials have been publicly stating that herbs and higher potency vitamins and minerals should be put on prescription or banned altogether! The deputy Commissioner of the FDA, Gary Dykstra, announced in a meeting last year that the FDA intends to classify higher doses of vitamins and minerals as "unsafe food additives", and to make amino acids available by prescription only.

The FDA disregards the fact that a large number of these same supplements are effective in the prevention of chronic diseases and other conditions that could save millions of dollars in healthcare costs.

Many herbs have long histories of use by indigenous peoples, such as ginseng, which has been used safely in the Far East for centuries. The FDA ignores the fact that all modern medicines were originally derived from herbs and other plants. One recent example is the cancer drug taxol, which is made from the yew tree. Also it is not surprising that many individuals concerned with both the health of the Earth and health of their bodies, prefer natural remedies over artificially synthesized ones. Natural remedies are also usually less costly than drugs the pharmaceutical industry provide. The reason the drug manufacturers claim that they must charge more is to "recoup the cost of research."

The FDA is currently trying to limit your access to many natural substances. If they succeed, citizens will be forced to be more dependent on the medical establishment, it's doctors and the synthesized chemicals of the Pharmaceutical industry who in turn will stand to make even more money.

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(Innu still strongly oppose project)

HYDRO-QUEBEC'S SM 3 PROJECT MAY BEGIN THIS FALL

Source: Regroupement de Solidarité avec les Autochtones

This past winter, Quebec's environmental review board known as BAPE collected and studied more than 153 briefs regarding the pros and cons of Hydro-Quebec's proposed SM 3 hydro-electric project. If approved, this project will devastate the St. Marguerite river in Nitassinan, the traditional homeland of the Innu people who have never ceded the land to anyone.

On June 14th, BAPE decided that the SM 3 project is neither economically viable nor environmentally sustainable. One of the reasons for this decision was the fact that part of the hydro-project calls for the diversion of two of the main tributaries of the Moisie river. The Moisie is world renowned for its salmon runs.

According to a public consultation and a subsequent survey, 80% of the people in the Innu community of Mani-Utenam are opposed to SM 3, a project which was, until recently, supported by the federally-controlled Band Council there.

For a number of years now, people in the community have been demonstrating against the SM 3 and the Band Council by putting up road blocks, marching and dis-

rupting the business as usual of a local government considered by many to be illegitimate. On May 4th, 1992, Yves Rock Jules Bacon and Antoine Fontaine resigned from the Band Council in protest of Chief Élie-Jacques Jordain's abuse of power and "totalitarian ways" since May, 1991 when he took over. One month later, community members twice disrupted the proceedings for the nomination of people to fill these vacancies. 37 People were found guilty in May of this year of disturbing the peace and were sentenced to either 2 days to 2 months in jail or \$10-\$700 fines. On June 10th, however, no one presented themselves to sign the Court's condition of one-year probation.

In December 1992, The Band Council obtained a court injunction forbidding all demonstrations in Uashat and Mani-Utenam. Since then, criminal charges have been laid against more than 70 people who either oppose the Band Council or are members of the Coalition for Nitassinan.

A recent demonstration in favor of the SM 3 project was organized by the Chamber of Commerce and City Hall to protest the BAPE report. No one was arrested at this demonstration.

Chief Élie-Jacques Jordain was elected to a second term last March when 64% of the people refused to take part in the election. A referendum held on October 10, 1992 showed that 56% of the people in Mani-Utenam favor political autonomy for their community. Four activists spent eight days in jail for opposing the Band Council in support of the results of this referendum.

Things are expected to heat up this autumn as work is probably going to begin on the SM 3 project in September, despite the BAPE recommendation and the community opposition. In addition, to help counter any community uprising against the project, the Band Council expects to permanently replace its native police force with the Sureté du Quebec in the near future.

A walk has been planned from Mani-Utenam to New York this autumn to raise awareness. In addition, a benefit concert will be held on Friday, October 8th. Featured artists include Uashau Stone from Mani-Utenam and local artists. For more information, contact Regroupement at 3680 Jeanne-Mance #440, Montreal, Quebec, H2X 2K5.

THREE YEARS AFTER THE MOHAWK OKA UPRISING

by Garth Allen

Native Americans and activists from around Canada and parts of the US travelled to Kanesatake on July 11 for a traditional Pow-Wow marking the 3rd anniversary of the Oka Conflict there.

The traditional gathering was held adjacent to the golf course that still today threatens to expand into Mohawk sacred burial grounds and through the pines, a sacred site. The annual march on the first day strode through the golf course proudly flying the flags of the Mohawk Nation and the Confederacy of the Hodenosaunee. Returning to the Pow-Wow site, Native drummers sang and drummed for the next 13 hours, repeating the feat the next day. All participants were encouraged to dance, with certain dances explicitly reserved for First Nations people. Native artisans sold their crafts and



Mohawk activists and supporters march through the disputed golf course during the third annual Kanesatake spiritual gathering near the town of Oka, Quebec.

Photo: Langelle

local groups raised funds selling food. Also present was an Oka-based solidarity group for political prisoner Tony Rios, a 16 year old Lakota man, who is unjustly serving time in an adult prison in South Dakota.

As golfers teed off shamelessly, one could still see the remnants of the bunkers dug out during the conflict in the summer of 1990. During this time, the Mohawks erected a blockade to defend sacred lands from desecration. The conflict received extensive coverage and brought together many Native communities while unifying white solidarity activists, creating a solidarity movement in Canada that was not there before: one example being the Regroupement de Solidarité Avec les Autochtones (Solidarity with Native People). Over 30 people were arrested as a result of the armed standoff, with court cases continuing today. Money is still badly needed to pay off legal fees.

For more information on the conflict or what's going on now, contact The ALARM or the Regroupement at (514) 982-6606.

Paugeesukq Nation in Standoff with Connecticut

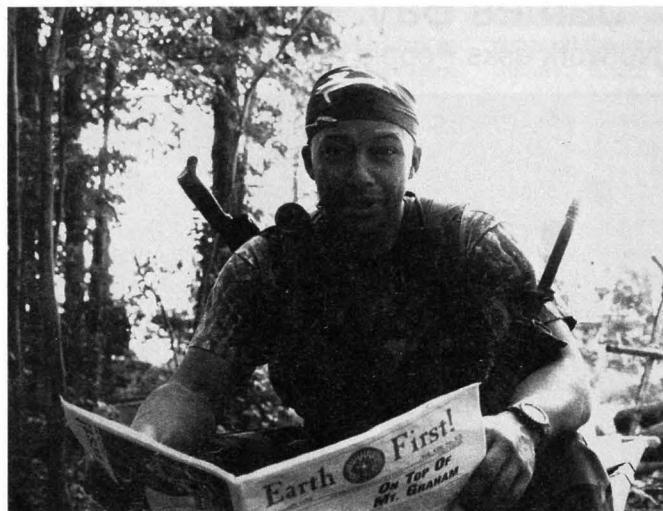
by Garth Allen

The situation right now on the Golden Hill Reservation of the Paugeesukq Nation is tense. Since Aug 9, Connecticut state troopers have been "posted" all around the perimeter of the 106 acre reservation. Surveillance helicopters have been sighted flying over the reservation, some coming in under the cover of night at dangerously low altitudes.

The armed Tribal Security Force, set up by the Paugeesukq Nation Tribal Government Committee, patrols the reservation in a defensive stance. Chief MoonFace Bear has stated that any attack on tribal land will be dealt with as "an invasion of sovereign territory."

The issue at stake is over the Paugeesukq Nation's ability to have full and sovereign control over its own tribal trade and commerce. In March of 1993, the Tribal Government Committee opened a cigarette shop to sell State tax free cigarettes as a part of a larger plan for Economic Development for the Nation. The project intends to bring in badly needed capital for the tribe to 1) provide employment for members of the Paugeesukq community and 2) develop affordable housing for members of the nation.

The reason for the standoff is because three months of negotiations broke down between State's Attorney Bob Satti and MoonFace Bear's Attorney William Breetz over the state tax issue. On the bargaining table was not only whether or not the Paugeesukq Nation could sell cigarettes without state tax, but also over a state law that mandates the Governor to personally



Paugeesukq Nation Warrior during standoff

Photo: Warrior Woman

negotiate with state recognized First Nations over issues of tribal trade and commerce. Court actions were taken by MoonFace Bear's attorney to force the Governor to the negotiating table, but after three favorable decisions by the court (all rulings against motions by the state to dismiss the case) MoonFace Bear dropped the case because the day of one of the hearings, July 16th, the state issued a warrant for his arrest. At the time, the Chief was going to court to argue the case, but instead returned to the safety of the reservation. The Chief dropped the cases against the state as an act of "good will."

In response to the warrant for his arrest, the Warrior Chief also stated that he would surrender himself to authorities as long as the "state agree(d) to refrain from violence or illegal harassment of legal tribal trade or commerce." The State has not reciprocated these acts of "good faith," instead they confiscated a truck loaded with cigarettes bound for the reservation and arrested the driver for having unstamped cigarettes. The smoke

shop closed down because customers were being harassed by the state officials "posted" around the perimeter, who were taking pictures and recording license plate numbers.

The Governor is responding with brute force to Native people who are merely asserting their sovereignty in a way that follows European, state and international law. The state has continually set unacceptable

terms for negotiation. Meanwhile, solidarity is growing between First Nations under the jurisdiction of the State of Connecticut and throughout the American Indian Movement and the Mohawk Warrior Society (both have pledged support for the Paugeesukq Nation). Well known attorney William Kunstler has also joined the legal team and implied support for the Nation's decision to take up arms by saying to local press, "(t)he government has deprived these people of having a decent standard of living. It's been done deliberately and willfully, and to rely on legalistics is really a crying shame (writer's italics)."

The Nation is searching for other forms of income as the standoff continues: a weekly Flea Market on the reservation is growing and Paugeesukq activists are working on a benefit concert for the future. More local and regional support is needed as this struggle is the only one of its kind (that we know of) in the Eastern United States. For more info or to help out contact the *ALARM*.

COURT DENIES LEONARD PELTIER'S APPEAL

source: Leonard Peltier Support Group

On July 7, 1993 the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals handed down its decision to deny Leonard Peltier a new trial.

Leonard Peltier is a Chippewa/Lakota American Indian Movement (AIM) activist who was framed on first degree murder charges in the deaths of two FBI agents on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota on July 26, 1975.

The government at his trial presented falsified ballistics reports and coerced witnesses to make false statements against him. At a

prior hearing, federal prosecutor Lynn Crooks admitted "...we do not know who specifically fired what killing shots...". The government is all but admitting that most of the evidence presented at Peltier's trial was falsified. Crooks went on to say that there was no direct evidence, no eyewitnesses, and nothing substantial to tie Peltier to the deaths.

It seems the government will not give Peltier a fair trial because it is fearful that a new trial will expose the injustices done to Peltier and the Traditional Oglala People. It has been reported that appeal judges had secret meetings with FBI agents while deliberating Peltier's last appeal.

The Leonard Peltier Defense Committee

is asking for an independent investigation into Peltier's case and governmental misconduct. Please write letters of support for Peltier and this investigation to: Attorney General Janet Reno, Dept. of Justice, 10 Constitution Ave, Washington, DC 20530; Please write letters in support of Presidential Clemency to Pres. William Clinton, the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20500. Send letters of solidarity to Leonard Peltier, #89637-132, PO. Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048. For more information write to: Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, PO. Box 583, Lawrence, KS 66044, (913) 842-5774.

James Bay: The Current Situation

The Native Forest Network asks People of the Region about their thoughts on the hydro-projects



Cree elder women during the First annual Whapmagoostui Gathering.

interviews by Orin Langelle & Anne Petermann

Orin Langelle and Anne Petermann, activists with the Native Forest Network, left in late July for a month-long documentary and fact-finding trip to the James and Hudson Bay regions of Northern Quebec. The purpose in taking this trip was to find out first hand, from the people who are in the day-to-day struggle against the Multinational Hydro-Quebec, exactly what the current situation is, both with the people who have already been impacted by the nearly completed La Grande (Phase I) project, and also with the people who are currently fighting to stop Phase II, the Great Whale Project. Funding for the trip was provided by the Fund for Wild Nature.

CHISASIBI

Chisasibi is the town where the Cree people were relocated from their native island of Fort George after being warned that the new rushes of water from the La Grande complex were likely to erode the little island away to nothing. Since the people have been relocated to this dusty, shoddy, company-built town, they have been plagued by a high rate of alcoholism, drug abuse and suicide.



Cree children play with homemade bow at the First Annual Whapmagoostui Gathering.

Photo: Langelle

Photo: Langelle

people have to put up with, electricity being the main power source used for heating. He explained that when his electric bill reached \$5,000, H-Q came to shut off his power accompanied by armed guards.

Larry also spoke about people in the community who had developed symptoms of mercury poisoning from eating contaminated fish from their traditional fishing areas, due to mercury leaching out of the soil and into the new reservoirs. He described an elder who developed skin cancer due to the Electro Magnetic Radiation emitted from the new power lines that H-Q had placed behind his ancestral camp.

During the interview, Larry took the NFN to one of the current construction projects, where H-Q was in the process of creating a new reservoir. Looking at the rising waters, Larry pointed out an island that held sacred burial grounds that were in the process of being flooded. The relatives of those buried were having a memorial that day to remember those who they could never again visit. When asked him how the flooding made him feel, Larry stated, "It hurts...there's some anger too but it hurts more. To know that our ancestors are buried there and to see the disregard that [H-Q has] for life. Even this river is life. Water is life. Without water there is no life. If people think that they can control the elements, they're in for a big

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surprise. People tell me that one of the strongest medicines that we have is the water...it can move mountains, but it is also very humble because it always goes to the lowest spots. If we keep abusing or try to control the resources, things are going to happen. The floods in the midwest are an example of that. As native people we have to be the arms, the legs and the mouths for the earth and try to tell people how wrong this is.

"When we had a protest at LG1, at the construction site a couple of years ago, the feeling of the elders and the women... was that they could actually do something. It's been so long that people have been taking it. There were a lot of people that stood up...and spoke about how they felt about the land and the river and how they are in support of the people in Great Whale in trying to stop [that project]. I believe that when the time comes again that those people will again stand up. I think that its important...that we do our utmost to stop it.

It's been the last stand of North American Indians for the last 500 years and we're still here and we're still fighting. This is our home. As for Great Whale, it is going to be a big fight but...it's not going to be built. It's the ultimate sacrifice for someone to stand up and say that they're willing to die for what they believe in, but the elders here say that the challenge is to go on in spite of all the oppression and still try to maintain our culture and all of our traditions."

The NFN asked him what the reason was for the control gate outside of town where all drivers have to stop and answer questions before being allowed into Chisasibi: "Alcohol is one of the issues that started the control gate. It's a community action to a community problem. It's working, the bootlegging has been kept down. Also a return to our spirituality has helped a lot of people."

When asked if he knew anything about worker opposition to H-Q, Larry responded, "It's been documented that the first time that [the construction workers] came up here that they stayed so long that it disrupted their family life and a lot of people went home and found that they no longer had a family. In the 70's the workers rebelled and it was pretty bad. They burned some buildings and were missing a whole bunch of dynamite. It's still missing.

HELEN ATKINSON

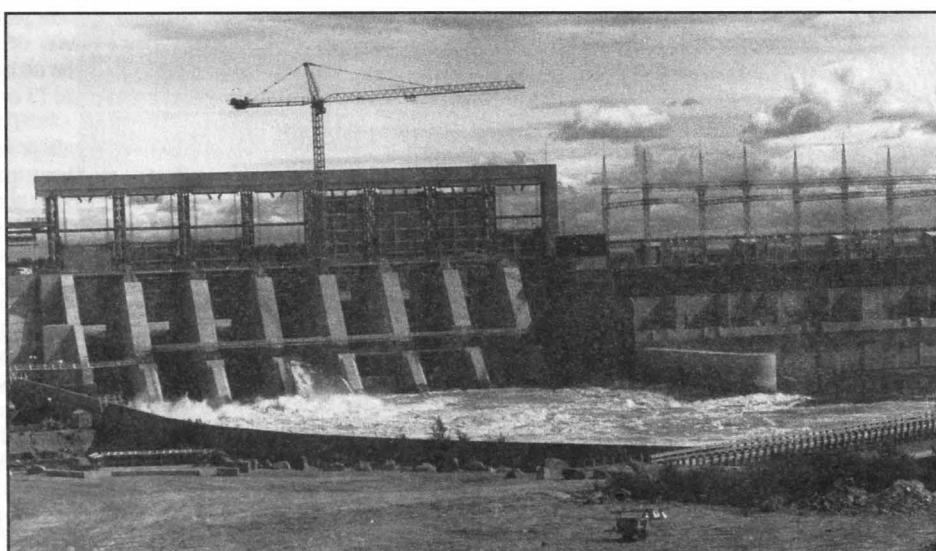
Helen Atkinson was interviewed on July 26. Helen, a warm and intelligent woman, is the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Chisasibi. She began by giving an overview of the history of western domination in the region:

"Fur traders came here first. Those were the people who started changing our lifestyle, which was nomadic. Their permanent posts forced people to come there and changed the patterns of trav-

eling. Our [settling into towns] was more forced by the government with the schools.

"The missionaries came with the traders in the mid-1800's. The way we lived was very spiritual and holistic. Spirituality played a large part of every aspect of life. The missionaries taught a religion which was very compartmentalized. Their way was to worship at certain times. They converted the medicine men first who had influence in the society. Then it was easy to convert the people. People are now becoming more aware of their own spirituality again. For instance, the drum was very important in our culture and the drum was one of the first things they burned. It was taboo, but now it is starting to come back. It's made a tremendous amount of difference. [Our Spirituality doesn't] get looked at in [H-Q's] impact assessments.

"[Cree Grand Chief] Matthew Coone-Come



The LG1 dam during the flooding of ancient burial grounds.

said 'The thousands of years that we lived [in the bush], the type of lifestyle that we chose was deliberate.' It's sad to know the lifestyle that we had, and look at it now. It's as if we've taken a step backward. Television has done a major number on changing cultures. I have hope because our roots are thousands of years old and they are still very close to us. I was born and raised in the bush, it wasn't that long ago. At the time that H-Q announced the project, there was no long distance phone and virtually no contact with the outside world. We were able to change and adapt our whole structure to fight them."

"This community's territory is around 100,000 square miles. When you're a hunting society you need a large territory in order to practice conservation. You have to move around. There are certain areas where certain animals are, and you have to follow them. Our culture is changing because nowadays much of the land is flooded. Also our population has grown so that now not everybody can be a hunter even if they want to because there is not enough land. Because of this you need to have other things that people can do to earn a living."

Helen went on to describe the traditional tribal government of the Crees and what would be lost if the Cree culture was to be subsumed by the western world. "Our society was always thoroughly democratic. This idea of Chiefs is nothing

that is traditional to us. We always understood that there is no such person that is able to do all things all the time. We evolved into a leaderless society. There were people who were more respected, but there were no chiefs. Our traditional society showed that anarchy does work, but you need self-sufficiency.

"Cree culture has a lot to offer in the area of knowledge about nature, which is something that is very needed in the world. The concept of holism is another thing we have to offer. In western society, everything is segregated. This is what is ruining the world. People don't want to know that what they do [has far reaching] effects. What [H-Q] is doing will impact the world because things are not contained. People have to think more holistically about their actions. Everything [with the dominant culture] comes down to 'how much money can I make from this'. Until this changes, all this talk of environmental protection is bullshit."

Helen closed by describing other plans H-Q had for the region besides the hydro: "To me, I always say that the hydro development is just a step, just the beginning, and once they have the infrastructure; the roads, the electricity, the airports, then they can carry on with the mining and forestry...in order to get their money's worth [from the hydro]. But this is our land. We never gave it away. I know that nature will fight back. The earth has the ability to heal itself, it always has."

WILLIAM BEARSKIN

During the interview with William Bearskin, the Chisasibi Band Council Environmental Advisor the following day, he explained that the presence of the reservoirs and the increased flow of water in the La Grande river has altered the caribou migration. They must wait for the ice to form which used to occur in Late November, early December, but now occurs a full month later. In the 1980's, 10,000 migrating caribou were drowned because the river they were attempting to cross was flooded due to a H-Q water release. H-Q called the tragedy "an act of God".

William said that the geese migration route has also changed. They now fly further inland due to the presence of the reservoirs, which are contaminated. The main food of the migrating waterfowl, the eelgrass, is dying off due to the altered salinity from the increased amount of fresh water flowing into the bay from the La Grande River. The overall change in salinity of both of the bays due to the projects could cause massive die-offs of the eelgrass and in turn, a devastation of the migratory waterfowl populations in this hemisphere.

EDOUARD TAPIATIC

The NFN interviewed Edouard Tapiatic on July 28th. Edouard is the Director of Traditional Pursuits w/ Cree Trappers Assoc (CTA) in

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Chisasibi. When asked what the CTA is and what it is designed to do he explained, "The CTA started in '78 when hydro started to devastate areas. A fund was set up to subsidize the trappers and to enhance their traditional activities. Before the areas were flooded, we were relatively very traditional. Right from the start elders knew something was going on because they would find clocks, surveying lines and other odd things. The hydro devastated the fur trade. The area had been known to have the best furs. Now there are many areas that are flooded.

He also elucidated about how the projects have affected the fish, which are a mainstay of the Cree diet: "There are seven types of white fish. They have all been affected by the projects, especially the sturgeon. They have been wiped out."

When asked about the ability for the Cree trappers to earn a living, he explained, "The most trapped animal up here is the beaver. The furs are shipped to Val D'or where they're auctioned off. The prices have gone down every year, but we don't ever want to lose that tradition or we will be completely lost. Even if we cannot sell the furs we will continue to trap."

He closed by providing some traditional Cree advice and some suggestions for what people can do who want to help. "A lesson from my father was that, whatever you catch, you share it with your brothers and sisters and especially the elders. That way you respect the animal and your hunting expertise will last forever and will be passed on to your children. The most important thing [people can do] is to try to come up to understand our Cree way of life. We are the traditionalists of the land. Respecting it, respecting the animals can really be a healing process.

WHAPMAGOOSTUI

After leaving Chisasibi, the NFN traveled to the village of Whapmagoostui, also known as Great Whale. This is the next village threatened by H-Q and their plans to dam the Great Whale river. While there, Anne interviewed Louis Egurian, the Local Coordinator for the Whapmagoostui Band Council, and also Deputy Chief, Robbie Niquanacappo. Orin was fortunate enough to be involved in the last few days of the highly political First Annual Whapmagoostui Gathering during which Cree and Inuit people came together to discuss their resistance to Hydro Quebec. The day following the gathering, Orin interviewed Whapmagoostui Chief Matthew Mukash.

LOUIS EGURIAN

Louis Egurian, the only non-native that was interviewed, began on August 5th by talking about the biological impacts the hydro projects will have on the Hudson Bay.

"By changing the water cycles of the Great Whale, you are changing when the nutrients will be available in the bay. The nutrients will now be available in the winter, instead of the spring and early summer. The nutrient cycling is important [because] small fish, which the beluga whales feed off, feed off of the algal blooms. If this occurs in the winter, these fish aren't there. What



Cree men play checkers at the Chisasibi shopping ctr. Photo: Langelle

effect will this have on them and consequently on the belugas?"

"One thing you have to remember is that this is one project out of many. In Ontario there are a whole bunch and in Manitoba. Yes, Hudson Bay is big... but what happens to the ecology of the whole system?

"As human beings we have a problem. In order to understand things we have to classify and box them. Nature doesn't work that way. Nature looks at whole components. In our lives one and one equals two. In nature one and one doesn't always equal two. It may be three, it may be one. In our normal lives what we do doesn't affect us tomorrow, it's going to affect our kids. The environment is going to change, whether it's through ozone, greenhouse effect, these projects or something else. Nature is going to readjust. It's just going to wipe the slate clean of human beings the way it did with the dinosaurs. Our species is destroying itself; we're self-destructing. These projects just add one more thing to it. Science can't solve every problem, but people think it can. Science is the problem."

Louis followed this up with an overview of the political forces driving the hydro-projects.

"To understand the politics of the project you begin in 1962. At that time, René Lévesque, father of the Parti Québécois, nationalized Hydro-Québec. He combined all of the private utilities to control them. Since then H-Q has played the role of a nationalist entity and as a tool of economic development. In 1972, when Bourassa wanted to get elected [as Premier], he had to provide Quebec with jobs. So he looked at the rivers to the north draining free and came up with the idea to get power from them. At the time they promised 100,000 jobs at La Grande, although they only got 45,000. They used it to stimulate the economy. Today we're in a recession, there's a need for jobs. Again the idea is let's build this thing and get the economy rolling. This time there's a problem. When they built La Grande, they predicted that the energy growth in Quebec was going to be 7% per year for the next 10-15 years. That growth never materialized so they ended up with a huge surplus. When La Grande came on line in 1984 with 5,000 Megawatts (MW), it was 5,000 MW too much and they had to start spilling water over the dams.

One of the ways [to deal with this] was to sign secret contracts with electrical companies, aluminum smelters and others. They figured it would be more economical to charge them below the cost of production rates for the electricity rather than to spill it over the dams.

"Hydro Quebec is in debt right now between \$25 and \$26 billion. The interest alone is around \$2 billion per year. They are now claiming they need electricity again, but the increase in demand this year was only 1.5%. They say they can save 5% through conservation and the other 1% was for new aluminum smelters, so as far as real demand, there's none. One aluminum smelter uses approximately 600 MW of electricity, that's more than the entire city of Montreal and there are 13 or 14 smelters in the Province.

"The idea is that they'll build

the Great Whale project now, borrow the money off of Wall Street, get contracts with New York and New England and get them to pay for a part of the construction. The problem is, people have shown them...that with conservation they can get more jobs and manage the peak loads without more construction.

"The thing you have to understand is that Quebec is a very nationalist place. Their culture is very important to them. H-Q is seen as a part of that culture. They subsidize the arts and culture all over. Whenever there is a threat, they do that. They gave grant money to Dartmouth the day before [Dartmouth] divested. They provide all kinds of subcontracting. They are a very important force in Quebec. So when you attack H-Q you are not only attacking people's jobs, you are attacking their culture. It's the same as if someone from Quebec burned an American flag.

"[H-Q] is also viewed by some sovereigntists as being the economic motor that is going to take Quebec out of Canada and provide stability in the transition period between them being a nation and not being a nation. If Quebec wants to become sovereign, they must get international recognition. To get that recognition, they have to respect native rights; the right of the natives to say we want to be a part of Canada or a part of Quebec. That's a dilemma because they've said that Quebec's borders are unalterable. The Crees maintain that they never gave up their title to the territory, so if H-Q has the right to self-determination, then the Cree and Inuit nations have the same right. Quebecers go schizophrenic on that one. In the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement it says that the Cree gave up their rights to the territory. What the Cree say to that is that it was done under duress. Even though it is law in Quebec, internationally and on a human rights scale it is unacceptable. When they were signing the agreement, the government of Quebec maintained, even to this day, that the Crees did not have any rights to the land. How can you sign away rights you never had?"

Louis then confirmed what Helen Atkinson had suggested about other resource extraction in the region in the region. "Mining? It's very big. There are zinc deposits. Zinc has been closely

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aligned with uranium and especially gold. Uranium in northern Quebec is all over the place. The rock that we're walking on is some of the oldest rock in the world. It's very rich in metals; gold, silver, mercury. Some of the largest nickel deposits in the world are near here. So mining is a huge potential.

"One of the other big potentials here is hydrogen fuel. Hydrogen burns clean, theoretically. It burns into water vapor. The only problem is, to produce that hydrogen you require a lot of electricity. You use a current to split water and capture the hydrogen.

"H-Q is signing agreements with Mercedes Benz, BMW, and others to sell hydrogen to them and bill it as clean energy. They won't tell the people where it comes from, just that it's clean energy. Because of the ecological movement, there is going to be pressure to use Hydrogen as opposed to gasoline because it burns cleaner. H-Q is also working on these new super batteries [for electric cars], the thing is, where are you going to plug in your car except into the power grid. You're taking one problem and transposing it into another medium. The idea [of hydrogen fuel] is very popular among industrialists in Germany because Germany has a problem with the Greens, and this is the way they're going to sell it. Industry is giving us quick fixes and getting us deeper and deeper."

ROBBIE NIQUANICAPPO

Whapmagoostui Deputy Chief Robbie Niquanicappo began his interview on August 5th, describing what he felt that people could do to help.

"If people really want to know what this fight is all about other than all of the rhetoric they hear, they should come here. See for themselves first hand what is at stake. Come and see our burial sites. Come and see our trapping territories that will be under water. Come and meet the people that will be most affected. Once you get all that, I think any intelligent person can figure out what needs to be done. I don't think that we can convey what we mean as effectively as the land itself. We need people to raise concern all over the world about the dangers that are faced by our people, from mercury poisoning to the fact that our people in Chisasibi are still getting flooded out by their own sewage, which H-Q was supposed to do something about. It's not a matter of listening to the propaganda, its a matter of looking in [your heart]. Its about our future as a race. The effects of the La Grande project didn't just stay there, they affect us here. Our weather has been screwed up ever since that project came into being. Now we get rain in January. That never happened. The migratory birds have been affected. They're getting more scarce. All these changes have a cumulative effect."

"We just can't seem to get it through to [H-Q] that we don't want the project at any price. They don't have enough money, as one of our

elders said. It's not about money. With the James Bay agreement that was signed, we were told that the benefits would be immediate. Eighteen years later they're finally giving us some of what they promised. In some cases, children had to actually die [due to poor health conditions] before they did anything."

CHIEF MATTHEW MUKASH

Chief Mukash was interviewed on August 2, and asked about what he felt was important about the gathering that they had hosted the previous week and about the changes that modern society has brought to the Cree culture.

"It was important for us, at this gathering, to tell the young people that you have to look at yourselves and understand who you are, what

people is that you cannot pursue your traditional culture values 100% because you're always being threatened by something. Non-native people are as much victims of society as we are. What we're trying to say is that all of us that live on this planet are supposed to be like this, understanding our place in nature.

"I asked an elder what would happen if we burned our houses down tomorrow and we went back to the land, without the guns, without the skidoos. He said you would certainly find it difficult because you've lost your skills that our ancestors passed down from generation to generation. There would be a lot of people dying because of that, and because you would not find wildlife as numerous as it used to be because you've lost

your spiritual contact with the animals. It would take time to regain it because you acquire it through dreams and through prayers. The teachings say that you have to understand your body first and you have to take care of it. There were some people who never got sick until they died because they were always working hard, doing physical work and mental work."

When asked what he knows about the Grand Canal scheme, H-Q's plan to cut off James Bay from Hudson Bay to transform James Bay into a fresh water reservoir which could then be channeled to the desert southwest U.S., he stated, "We know what the [Grand Canal] scheme is, we also know that the push for the mega projects on this side of the bay may be part of the larger project. Basically, we

think its crazy. I think there is enough awareness now for people to react when something like that is proposed or when they start moving the construction material and making decisions.

"In 1975 [when the first project happened], we did not have all that much awareness in Europe. But I've gone to Europe 3 or 4 times in the past ten years talking to people and we have supporters in Europe now. We also have supporters in the Far East; in India and China, because they have similar projects going on there; and in Taiwan because they look at themselves as oppressed people as well. So we're no longer alone. If they try to ram this project through there will be an international outcry. The crazy thing about this project is that they're trying to dike the James Bay from the Quebec side to the Ontario side. But the fresh water part is what puzzles me because [the water from] those dams in the James Bay area flows into the bay, and this is all contaminated. Where does the fresh water come from? It's a crazy, crazy project. It doesn't make any sense at all."

The Eastern North American Native Forest Network will be coming out with an informational video about the James Bay region, based on this trip. The video will be available internationally this winter. For further information on the video or the James Bay situation contact: Eastern North American NFN, PO Box 57, Burlington, VT 05402. Phone: (802) 658-2403. email: Peacejustice@igc.apc.org.



The first rapids on the Great Whale. If H-Q gets its way, the rapids will be reduced to 15% of their current flow.

Photo: Petermann

your place is in society or nature. You have to understand your relationship with the land, your relationship with everything that was created along with you. The healing process that native people go through is all related to their relationship with the land and everything else that is around them. For us, each person's relationship with the creator is personal. All you have to do is to go out on the land and everything that is around you reminds you of god because that is his creation.

"All these things today are produced so much that you buy things that you don't need. That's a mistake that we native people also make. We get caught up in this capitalist business where you buy this and buy that. Most of our elders are saying that because we made the mistake of taking these new values and lost the old ones, that the price we had to pay was the destruction of our land, and that's why H-Q succeeded. When we told [the elders] that we were going to make the decision to oppose hydro-electric development projects, they told us that we had to have something that we're fighting for. That we have to go out on the land and have to show what our culture is, show that we understand our own traditional ways to be able to say that we want to protect our culture.

"For the native people today, you cannot avoid exposing your children to modern education. You'll need that to defend yourself. The impact that modern society has had on native peo-

Protest Against US Bombing of Iraq

by Garth Allen

On July 2, fifteen members of the Burlington community staged a rally against the bombing of Iraq by U.S. missiles. The action was organized by a joint effort of the Middle East Action Network, a predominantly inactive anti-Gulf War group, and SPARC, an alternative speakers bureau from the University of Vermont.

The action was organized after Native Forest Network personnel and friends independently flyer'd passers-by on Church St, Burlington's outdoor mall (marketplace). From there, activists from M.E.A.N. and SPARC took the already

rolling ball and organized the speak out on Church Street where there is heavy pedestrian traffic.

Previous to the rally and speak out, staffers for the Native Forest Network reportedly went to the office of Bernie Sanders to give him shit about his weak stance on the issue. The activists said that the bombing was a "continuation of the New World Order" pointing out that modern-day U.S. imperialist actions are being hidden under



the guise of 'humanitarian' actions. An aide present at the office responded that Bernie would have *fully supported* the retaliatory strike if the evidence was clear that the President had been in danger for his life, citing a principle about protecting heads of state (hah!).

The Native Forest Network and members of Earth First! were present at the July 2 rally providing a broader ecological and holistic analysis to the U.S.-Iraq conflict. Other groups were present including the Friends as well as independent peace activists.

As a result there was community dialogue on the issue as many flyers were passed out and people took the streets back from the consumerist mind-suck of Church St. Ben&Jerry-land.

Food Not Bombs Comes to Montreal

Montreal is a city of communities. In its earliest days, the French and English communities were located in opposite ends of the city, across a linguistic and cultural border no more permeable than the Berlin wall. These days, Latin Americans, Portuguese, Italians, French, and people from a wide diversity of nations have made the city culturally fascinating. These communities sponsor events regularly, giving an impression of coherence and vitality to areas of the city.

A problem which spans community lines is simply hunger. The front page of the September 2nd, 1993 issue of the *Montreal Gazette* features a couple and their three children beneath the caption, "Three meals a day a treat for some." Montreal's growing number of homeless

people rely on crowded food banks and other organizations for poor-quality food like Wonder bread and hot dogs.

Montreal Food Not Bombs plans to target some of the city's four or five public markets, redistributing their excess produce to city organizations already outfitted to give out food. We also plan to communicate with health food stores and distributors, as well as generic food stores, to arrange to pick up and recycle their more nutritious excess food. Having prepared English and French information for volunteers, we are networking to people and cars willing and able to tap into the power of acting together as a community to help our community.

To get involved, contact Food Not Bombs at (514) 943-4528.

Anti-Racist Demos Planned

by Garth Allen

Anti-racist activists in Montreal have planned disruptions for the September Metropolis Conference because of the attendance of numerous notable fascist politicians from across Europe, and due to the extreme right's growing activity in the Montreal region.

The opening of a headquarters by the neo-nazi group Heritage Front in Montreal drew the ire of an anti-racist coalition of over 800 people on August 14. The coalition of 12 community groups marched throughout the downtown area of Montreal while 30 miles away the Front

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Citizens' Environmental Coalition at (518) 462-5527 or write the NYS Labor and Environment Network, c/o CEC, 33 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12210.

(alarmist note—This mainstream conference could use a radical kick in the behind from activists who not only understand the importance of uniting radical unionism with radical environmentalism but recognize that activism within the system is frequently unsuccessful.)

5TH ANNUAL LABOR & ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

"Breakthroughs in Building for Jobs & Environment," the 5th Annual Labor & Environment Conference, will be held from November 19-21, 1993 in Syracuse, New York. The conference will feature workshops on environmental/occupational health, job training, chemical accident prevention, nuclear energy, science for the people, lead poisoning, fair trade, public power, health care, electoral strategies and youth environmental activities. Keynote speakers include Nancy Lessin,

Executive Director of the Massachusetts Council on Occupational Safety & Health, a United Steelworkers Local President, and Harvey Wasserman, an environmental leader on energy issues and nationally known author of numerous books, including *Energy Wars*.

The conference agenda also includes concerts, strategy sessions, a special Saturday youth session, and a precedent-setting "Jobs & the Environment" participatory workshop.

To get a Conference Brochure, call

machines over people and the means by which technology, if placed within the context of our larger human goals and social values, is an invaluable instrument for furthering the best of our endeavors. Sale will argue that we are in the midst of a transformation that will be accompanied by vast social dislocation and environmental destruction. Such a process

seems certain to continue the disintegration of the family and community, increase violence and insure a future of permanent unemployment for countless workers. This modern-day Luddite argues that "whatever its presumed benefits, technology comes at a price." For more info contact the Learning Alliance (212) 226-7171.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE LESSONS OF LUDDISM

Friday Dec. 17, 7pm in Manhattan

Join Neil Postman and Kirkpatrick Sale as they explore the lessons of Luddism and the implications of the second industrial revolution. Postman will speak on the tyranny of

QUEER PRIDE PARADE IN BURLINGTON

July 27th—Over 1000 Queers & Allies marched through the streets of Burlington for Vermont Gay Pride Day '93. There were contingents of Dykes on Bikes and Rad Fairies while ACT-UP types and anti-authoritarians were scattered throughout the mob of "Progressive" party, conservative and "apolitical" queers. With all the differences, everyone agreed on chants such as, "We're Here! We're Queer! We're Fabulous! Get used to it!".

Earth First!ers were seen at the action showing their solidarity with the struggle for queer liberation. By marching, they showed that they understand that the same system that is destroying the environment is geared to perpetuating homophobia (just as it perpetuates racism, ableism, and sexism!).

A Die In was organized and marchers outlined the fallen bodies as the horrifying statistics were read: 200 people in Vermont live with HIV, the majority of them gay and bisexual men. Slogans and



Radical Faeries strut their stuff at VT's statewide parade.

Photo:Langelle

symbols of empowerment were left beside the symbolic outlines of the very real deaths that are disproportionately devastating the bisexual, gay, and lesbian community. For one day it was safe to walk

the Burlington streets yelling all the way out of the closet! Letting the world know that the queer community is here and we will not go away, in fact, we are fighting back!

state.

Goals of the organization include the following:

1. Build and support a statewide grassroots network of concerned citizens and organizations.

2. Develop a legal strategy which insures the public interest and not the corporate interest regarding radioactive waste management.

3. Inform the public about relevant issues related to the low-level radioactive waste issue across the state.

Some of the alliance members include Traprock Peace Center, Citizens Research and Environmental Watch, Duxbury Nuclear Advisory, Mass Campaign to Clean Up Hazardous Waste, Greenpeace, American Friends Service Committee and Citizens Awareness Network.

To get involved call (413) 585-9339.

Infiltrated anti-nuke group awarded \$180,000 after winning lawsuit

source: Worcester Telegram & Gazette
On August 27, 1993, the Greater Newbury Clamshell Alliance (GNCA) won a 10-year-old lawsuit against the New Hampshire State Police and the Public Service Co. of NH.

GNCA protested the Seabrook

Nuclear Plant during the 1970's and 80's.

The lawsuit was brought after public officials admitted that an undercover state trooper had posed as an activist in order to get information on GNCA.

The ACLU of Massachusetts stated that the New Hampshire State Police and the Public Service Co., of NH have been ordered to split the fine.

Philly Anarchist Gathering Report

The July 30/Aug 1 Anarchist gathering in Philadelphia brought together anarchists from around the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond for workshops, strategizing sessions, and networking.

The anti-racist workshops featured speakers including Ex-Black Panther Lorenzo Ervin of Chattanooga, who spoke about his adventures as a black revolution-

ary in the USA, now active in Tennessee; and Ramona Africa of the Philadelphia-based group MOVE, who discussed their current situation (Most of the MOVE family are now behind bars because of their political activity). Ramona talked about all the repression that they have endured as a movement as they continue to fight for their family's freedom from the prison system and continue with their political work.

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was holding a concert to attract foot soldiers for their twisted ideology.

Cross-burnings, physical attacks on people of color and queers, firebombings, organizing efforts in high schools, and even murders have been the tactics of neo-nazis and members of the Heritage Front.

With these actions by the extreme right, it is important that we respond by 1) shutting down fascist organizing and their instruments of hate speech and 2) become active organizers on a grassroots level for an anti-racist and anti-authoritarian future. Anti-racist organizing is important not only as a reaction to fascist groups but to create an environment that is hostile to fascist and nazi scum even before they attempt to gain a foothold in communities.

ENDANGERED MOUNT GRAHAM

source: Mt. Graham Coalition
and EF! Journal

Following the Earth First! Round River Rendezvous held this past July on the top of the endangered Apache Sacred Mount Graham, EF!ers took the inspiration provided by the mountain to act on her behalf at the Tucson offices of the University of Arizona.

Over 100 drumming, whooping, sign-waving EF!ers managed to make it up to the 7th floor offices of University of Arizona President Manuel Pacheco. Irwin Rope, an Apache Medicine Man who was present, reaffirmed the importance of the alliance between Native people fighting for their culture and religion and eco-warriors defending the earth and all of her inhabitants. A banner proclaiming "Respect Native American Rights and Environmental Law/ Free Mt. Graham!" was hung from the window. The demands of the protesters included the following: The end of any construction plans atop Owl Peak, the honoring of Apache religious freedom, the dismantling of the two scopes atop Emerald Peak and that President Pacheco should get naked and dance with them.

After two protesters locked on to Pacheco's office door indicating their intent to stay until their demands were met, the cops began to make arrests. The police used excessive force with pain holds in the arrests of the protesters who had exclaimed repeatedly their non-violence. There were additional reports of vandalism, missing

office equipment and glued locks elsewhere in the building and when the police attempted to take their carloads to jail they were greeted by chants of "bad cop, no donut!" and large blocks of cement impeding their exit route.

The top of Mount Graham is being developed as a major astrophysical obser-



GRAPHIC: V. PACKARD

vatory by the University of Arizona and its foreign partners; the Vatican, Arcetri Observatory of Florence, Italy and the Max Planck Institute of Germany. (It has been reported that the Vatican has gotten involved in the project so that if this highly powerful telescope makes contact with alien life forms, they will have first dibs on converting the aliens to Christianity.)

Mt. Graham is one of the most unique mountains in North America. It is home to eighteen endemic plants and animals including the endangered Mt. Graham red squirrel. The newly listed Mexican spotted owl requires the old-growth spruce-fir forest at the top of the mountain for its survival. The mountain is also the most sacred mountain of the San Carlos Apache traditional people.

EF! JOURNAL GOES WESTER

Journalist Horace Greeley, who founded the New York *Tribune* in 1841 and was (theoretically) a proponent of co-operative shops, labor unions and the abolition of slavery, gave the advice, "Go West, young man, go West." Heeding the advice of this Amherst, NH figure, the editorial collective barrel of the *Earth First! Journal* is moving lock and stock from the Wild Rockies (MT) to Eugene, OR.

This move hopefully will take the burden off of our Wild Rockies comrades and allow them to do what they do best: no compromise Wild Rockians in defense of Mother Earth. We would be remiss if we did not give that bioregion our vote of thanks for trying in trying times, whatever the prevailing problems were.

As bonafide critics of the *Journal* we

wish the new left coast staff *bon chance* covering what we consider to be a global revolutionary ecological movement. From the Black Ravens *sabots* in the Former Soviet Union, to the Elfs in Great Britain, to the Shawnee National Forest resistance in southern Illinois, to the Cree in Whapmagoostui, to the Ecotopian revolt, to Clayoquot Sound, and to the eastern North American defiance—hopefully we will see a canopy of the struggle portrayed in the *Journal*. And for now let us not forget the blood of the Yanomami in Brazil and the touch of the earth that gives us strength.

In other words, as archdruid Bart Simpson (sellout) sez, "Don't have a cow!"

—Biodiversity Liberation Front EF!

Activists have been steadily fighting the project for the past ten years. Although two telescopes have already been completed on the mountain top, there is a good chance to get them removed and the site restored. This is due to the fact that the telescope project has lost all US partners and recent information has cast serious doubt on the suitability of Mt. Graham for astronomy. A draft study recently completed and leaked to the Mt. Graham Coalition studied Mt. Hopkins, south of Tucson and five peaks on Mt. Graham. Mt. Hopkins was found to be a superior site.

For more information contact the Mount Graham Coalition, PO Box 41822, Tucson, AZ 85717-1822, (602) 326-2511 or 666 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Ste 200, Washington, DC 20003. (202) 547-2980.

Squatters in U.K. Prepare to Stop Roadbuilding

On August 31, 1993, squatters moved into a house they call "the Willows" in Norfolk, U.K. This house is slated for demolition due to construction of the A11 Wymondham bypass. The squatters have barricaded themselves in and a support camp has been set up nearby, in an all-out effort to stop the construction of the road.

If built, this road will destroy important wetland habitat, including the breeding grounds of the Great Crested Newts.

The Roads Minister has been staunchly committed to ramming the project through, paying no heed to the protesters.

Oxleas Wood saved in UK!

by Davey Garland

Oxleas Wood (the ancient woodland near London) has been saved from concrete by a Ministry of Transport turnaround. No one trusts the bastards as they may try to bring in the destruction through another angle, but it seems that the actions at Twyford gave them the shits, especially since they announced the decision after the mass injunction-breaking on July 3rd and a storming of police and group 4 lines. In addition, the May 23rd action at Twyford saw thousands of pounds worth of damage due to machines and the road being torched.

No doubt the Government heard that if they got through the 3000+ people pledged to save Oxleas, they would find barricades and broom handles complete with folks who know how to use them.

The ALARM's It's All Bullshit Award Goes To...

This *ALARM* is presenting the coveted It's All Bullshit Award to Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) Planner Mary Jeanne Packer.

This self-proclaimed former Long Island Deadhead receives this award for her conduct during the recent demonstration staged by the Native Forest Network and Earth First! at the GMNF headquarters in Rutland, VT, protesting the Forest

Service's complicity in the devastation of the largest contiguous roadless area in the lower 48 States.

When we attempted to formally complain to her about the situation in Idaho, her response was, "I don't know anything about what's going on in Idaho. If you want to complain about Idaho, I suggest that you go to Idaho." She continued her stonewalling by refusing to talk about anything but the

Green Mountains, even after it was pointed out to her that in the Forest Service's own brochures it states that if people have any concerns or questions about any National Forest they should go to their local Forest Service office. Mary Jeanne only gave more proof that the Forest Service isn't worth reforming and really should be destroyed!

Mary Jeanne, for all you do, this It's All Bullshit Award is for you!

Idaho Letters from Jail

Dear Friends,

I just read an article in the *ALARM* about the NFN forest conference coming up in November. I am currently incarcerated in Idaho with Jake Jagoff and others and will probably be tied up here with court dates during that time, although Jake and I hope to be able to do the NW portion of the NFN roadshow. I am originally from Toronto and have much respect for the keynote speaker David Suzuki. Right on for getting Dana Lyons and Alice Di Miele to do music.

We're in jail for a great road action in the Cove/Mallard Roadless Area. Hope to be out soon and back to the woods. We've been in here for 17 days now and it truly sucks. There are seven of us now - one person was freed yesterday - we are sticking together and helping each other

through the tough times.

Keep up the good work. In Defense of the Mother - Brett

Hey we're free! After 19 days we were released on our own recognizance with the promise of being good boys and girls until our court date.

We are now in the next stage of the game - fundraising for a good lawyer. If you know of any musicians who may be into doing benefit stuff for us let us know. Thanks. Peace, Love, and Anarchy

--Brett

Dear *ALARM*, July 18, 1993

Tonight will be my 4th night in jail. There have only been 20 arrests so far this summer for the Cove/Mallard campaign. We pulled off a good action. 12 of us were arrested. Me and Deer Runs Away were in tri-pods. Four other people were

buried in the road with their necks locked together with bike locks. Two in front of the pods and two in back. Male-Female teams. We had a Female locked on to a Freddie truck. Also three EF! peacekeepers got busted and one other for stepping in front of a road grader.

I could get up to 14 years for this action. I am charged with conspiracy to commit grand theft. I really doubt I will get 14 years. We are spread out in three different jails. 6 here - 2 in Nez Pierce - 4 in Boise. Jail sucks!!!

You can jail the resister but not the resistance!

--A Masshole for Wilderness

(Money for legal support to help Cove/Mallard arrestees avoid further jail-time should be made out to Cove Mallard Legal Defense Fund and sent to PO Box 112, Dixie, ID 83525.)

Raw Log Exporters Head to the Northeast

by Andy Buckley

The demand for raw logs by Asian countries is increasing. With much of the forests of the Pacific Northwest either destroyed, on the cutting block or protected as spotted owl habitat, raw log exporters have set their sights on the northeast. The volume of trees that these new exporters, such as the China Thailand America Co. (CTA), are hoping to ship to Asia is outrageous, and far exceeds the amount that present timber companies cut.

The CTA alone is planning to ship 12 million board feet of white pine to Asia within the next year, in the form of 3 loads of 4 million board feet. The first shipment is due to leave sometime this month (Sept '93), and may even be en route to its destination by the time you read this. It should be pointed out that the size of just one of these shipments is enough to keep a moderate-sized New England sawmill busy for approximately one year!

According to an August 22nd story in the *Boston Globe*, the CTA is also busy in Portland, Maine. The *Globe* reported

that a pile of hemlock logs also bound for the far-east has been amassed in Portland which is two stories high and nearly half a mile long!

Meanwhile, Lawrence Meyers, President of Cambridge Trading Services, Inc., a Massachusetts-based trading export company also involved in the shipping of raw logs to Asia, had the audacity to state that environmentalists need not worry about the new log exports because New England's ports are too small to handle the shipping of large quantities of logs. A two story high, half mile long pile of logs isn't large?

The increase in Asia's demand for raw logs is creating a rift among those in the timber trade. On one side we have loggers and landowners who are willing to cut whole forests for export. This is because Asian companies are able to pay higher prices, due to government subsidies. On the other side, local sawmills are growing frantic in their attempt to maintain a steady supply of logs and to match higher Asian prices. It should be pointed out that this situation is not a simple case

of loggers and landowners vs local sawmills. It may be more complex, due to small-scale loggers who are as equally horrified as environmentalists about seeing such large tracts of forest gobbled up, and along with it, their future.

It can not be stressed enough how serious a threat these huge exports are to the forests of the northeast. These exports will be as devastating to northeastern forests as they have been to the Pacific Northwest. The time for action is now! We must immediately begin rallying opposition! We must all be willing to work with groups and individuals of all viewpoints, whether radical or mainstream, in order to produce a united and forceful opposition to this situation.

Mainstream enviro-groups must be pushed toward a stronger stance on this issue. At the same time, we also need to make ourselves an exponentially larger threat to companies willing to demolish ecosystems for a quick buck.

You are encouraged to make copies of this article to distribute. Stay tuned to future *ALARMS* for more information.

FOREST SERVICE TO VIOLATE RIGHT TO PROTEST

by Andy Buckley

Imagine for a moment that you work at a job where you can change your own working conditions to make your job easier, less stressful and to allow you to hide any major mistakes you might make. A Utopian fantasy? Not if you work for the government! By now we all know about congress voting themselves huge pay raises, writing bad checks and about government officials using public money to take cross country plane rides for personal matters, but now the Forest Service (FS), apparently feeling left out of all the fun, has proposed to make it's job of "managing" the forest and the people who visit it, easier.

Published May 6, 1993, in the Federal Register (VOL 58, No. 86 pp 26940-26946), the FS proposed changes concerning citizens' rights to assemble and distribute literature in National Forests or on any other public lands. If the FS has their way, groups of more than 25 will have to obtain special permits just to be allowed to set foot on public lands. Failure to do so will be punishable by six months in jail and/or a \$500 fine. Regulations regarding the



denial of these permits are so vague that the FS representative could deny or approve them almost at whim.

Tactics such as this are part of the ongoing attempt (whether conspiratorial or

not) to slowly whittle away at our rights at such a snails pace that hardly a soul will notice until all our freedoms are gone. This proposal is a blatant attempt to further trample upon the Bill of Rights, and in particular the freedom of assembly.

The idea that a government agency, such as the FS, would be able to control who is allowed to protest against them on public lands, is something I would expect from totalitarian dictators, not from a supposedly "free" country such as the United States.

Proposed new restrictions would also allow the FS to regulate *where* a proposed gathering would take place. One of the reasons given for this is "to protect public health and safety." My response to this is, if the FS plans to "protect my health and safety" in the same way they've been "pro-

tecting" the trees, no thanks. I'll take my chances! Besides, we're big girls and boys and can fend for ourselves.

It has been speculated by many, that the real reason the FS wants to control where citizens are allowed on public lands, is because they have so many "scenic views" that they'd prefer the public and especially us nasty environmentalists, not see. Some of these man-made wonders include clear-cuts, overgrazed fields, strip mines, and road building activities into pristine wilderness areas. Also, how is the public to know whether endangered species habitat is being damaged or manipulated if citizens are not allowed in certain areas to check for evidence of these species? The FS would effectively be granting itself immunity from violating environmental laws. If no one is allowed to witness the crime, how can they report it?

In closing, these proposed regulation changes are nothing more than an attempt to make it easier for the FS to restrict citizens' use of public lands and suppress those who speak up for forests and the many creatures that inhabit them. Unfortunately, the time allowed for public comment has come and gone. But what the hell! **Protest, complain, write letters, make phone calls, howl, and scream at the Forest Service! We have nothing to lose by speaking up now, but much will be taken away if we remain silent!**

Shawnee Appeal Denied, F.S. To Cut 3,000 Acres

(A story of legal briefs and 20 ounce nails)
by Gnome Chomcee as channeled by Steve Taylor of Big River (in exile)...

In the name of ecological restoration, the U.S. Forest Service is planning to clearcut up to 3,000 acres of pines in the Shawnee National Forest. On August 24th, Federal Judge Forman made a summary ruling not to interfere with the plans to cut. In his decision, Judge Forman decided that to allow the group a victory at this time would be imprudent. The Regional Association of Concerned Environmentalists (R.A.C.E.), whose appeal was denied, had received a Congressional Award for their forest litigation in 1991.

The appeal had emphasized Judge Dwyers' infamous "spotted owl"

ruling that natural resources must be managed for the habitat of native vertebrates. Of specific interest in R.A.C.E.'s appeal was the Pine Warbler, which is native to Illinois, and whose presence is threatened by the removal of the pine stands' Oak and Hickory understory.

Due to noisy and expensive protest, the Forest Service had been disallowed any expenditure on clearcutting in the forest. This, along with a strong recommendation for no more below-cost timber sales, was outlined in congress' appropriation bill for 1993. As reported by A.P., the Forest Service itself has recommended that there be no more below-cost sales allowed in the Shawnee by 1994. However, by terming these pine cuts as ecologically restorative, they are double-peaking their way back into the timber

business.

Last year the Forest Service was capable of removing only 600,000 board feet of hardwood from the Shawnee. This was the Whoopie-Cat sale area in Elizabeth town. The previous Forest Plan had allowed for 123 million board feet per year. Claiming that all sales prior to the amended Forest Plan are notwithstanding, the Forest Service is determined to eak out as much as they can before new guidelines are enforced.

East Perry Timber Co. of Frohna, Missouri is currently threatening to pull out of a contract as they haggle on a price renegotiation of the Burner Hill sale. It appears that the perceived value of the hardwood stands have declined substantially due to some eco-buff litigating the area with a good number of spikes.

AGAINST BIO-TECHNOLOGY! (part III) cont'd from last issue

by Fiery Viruses, source: autonome forum
UNCED

Attempts by the Third World to get back some of their cultural inheritance are blocked by the rich countries. These are the moments when the masks come off. The sweet talk about bio-technology can't conceal that this is the way to keep on exploiting the Third World and making money from it. The so-called bio-diversity treaty, which was signed during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) show in Rio, is a clear example. The treaty, which was designed to protect the world's biodiversity, left the possibility open that the Third World countries had to give permission for the use of their genetic reserves for industrial purposes. And moreover, the Third World countries want to claim a part of the yields, or entrance to the processing technology. But this clearly isn't the way that the world is put together, according to the Western countries, with Japan and the U.S. in the lead. For centuries, they came in uninvited and took everything that they needed, so why ask for it now?

According to the Human Development Report 1992 of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the gap between the rich and poor has become larger. Although the inhabitants of the rich countries were 30 times better off in 1960, this had increased to 60 times in 1989.

As soon as the word "hunger" is mentioned, the rich countries see the problem differently: It's the overpopulation of these countries that causes the problems. And here is the solution: population policy! Large-scale and forced sterilizations and contraceptives applied on the women of the Third World will bring solutions to all problems. Here we see exactly the same mechanisms as in the fairy-tales on bio-engineering and hunger: A Western technological solution to all social problems without the necessity for social and political changes.

Since it is also hunger and poverty which causes the population growth, the fight against poverty, the improvement of education, and public health are ways to solve the problem. But the solution asks for far-reaching changes and that's why it is not an option. Rosiska Darcy de Oliveira put it like this during the shadow conference of the UNCED: "There is something fundamentally wrong with a world where the rich have the use of expensive genetic manipulation to have a baby, whereas the poor are forced to undergo sterilization. The world is more and more dictated by economic values. Everything revolves around the market instead of around life. The poor don't count because they are not consumers. We neglect Africans with AIDS because this does not bring enough, economically speaking, and the blood of the poor doesn't give ink." (De Volkskrant, July 11, 1992)

The New World Order

It's not really new, this New World Order of Bush, at least not to the poor countries who just notice the tightening of its grip. 500 years after Columbus, the Western world has its hands free to cheerfully exploit the last bits of the world and of life. The oppression is dressed up in a decent gray suit and is meeting at illustrious clubs like the World Bank, IMF, GATT, UNCTAD, Lome, the Club of Paris, etc. These institutions create and formalize the preconditions for so-called 'free trade' and 'open markets', so desired by the multinationals. Because of the fancied international representation of these clubs for gentlemen, these agreements offer a legitimacy to free trade and its consequences. That is, if you don't stumble over the small bumps, like: he who brings in the most



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money also determines the outcome of the game.

Every year, in the mean time, there are 75 million people living as refugees, legally or illegally, workers, homeless people, without any rights. In the wake of the devastating marks which the West has left in their communities, they look for something that can keep them alive.

Most of the refugees are in the Third World, few of them are able to reach the North, where they walk up against the wall of Fortress Europe, built up by the same gentlemen who have worked their way up by trampling on the peoples of the Third World and shipping their wealth to the rich countries. But it's not a popular job these days, to link up these connections. It only disturbs the self-confident image of the Westerner as lord and master of the globe, superior in his culture, economy, and knowledge. And the native is looking up to him, with a beseeching look, asking whether he can share in the technical wonders of the white man. A mission instead of an ordinary success-story of plundering. Or is it perhaps in the white genes?

"Until now, genetic modification was a science which promised uses without any bad sides", states Prof. Schilperoort (Transferneuws, June 1992). If you dare to talk

about nonsense like that, you've really understood that whoever has the power to define the problem also has the patent to the solution. That trade in hunger is a very lucrative business and is kept rather silent by the experts. The yields of the fertile agricultural areas of the Third World are not often reserved for the domestic population, but are necessarily exported to the Western market. Dictated by, for example, the World Bank.

This same World Bank is storing a profit of 2.7 billion guilders this year (about 1.7 billion U.S. dollars). This is the disillusioning reality which has to be made clear time after time, stripped from its racist mantle, which tries to show that farmers in the Third World are too stupid to work land in a proper way. Or that you're really asking for problems when you're born in the Sahel.

One of the major threats of the discussions around bio-technology is that the definitions of the protagonists are sneaking in and are slowly taking over. That hunger is a technical problem which can be solved if we only give a free hand to the bio-engineers. In the book of the 1001 fairy tales, the tale of hungers scores well. With tear-filled eyes we send a cheque or a grain-mountain to one of the swollen bellies in the Sudan while there is a white-coat standing around the corner who's polishing his pair of tweezers once more, so as to be able to refine hunger even better. One eye fixed on the stock market, the other on the political agenda, the agents of hunger run from discussion to progress to board meeting, never too miserable to stop in front of a microphone and state that the banning of hunger is their only reason for living. Subsequently sitting down to a large meal, they put their ideas into action. The only hunger they know is hunger for more.

The real art is tripping them up in their hurdle race which invariably ends up at a Swiss bank account. People from different quarters are already sticking out their legs. People in the Third World, environmental groups, critical scientists...and groups like ours, with concretely demonstrable responsibilities and concretely demonstrable political moments. With just the few means that we have at our disposal we want to place matters in a political context, thus unmasking social backgrounds, like bio-technology as a political weapon, which is purposefully brought into action to secure profits and influence over the backs of millions of people.

On the question of how bio-engineering should be controlled, the CDA (the Dutch Christian Democratic Party - trans.) spokesman Reitsma answered: "Drawing boundaries is not in the first place a matter of politics, but rather a matter of society." (Biotekst, March, 1992). These words have affected us deeply and we've done our best to draw a small boundary. Greetings, Fiery Viruses

(This is the last of a three part series.)

letters to the editor

HELKAT TAKES A BITE!

I would like to respond to the *ALARM*'s letter writing policy which came into effect due to my article/commentary called "Eco-Bitch Speaks."

In some ways I wish the hate mail sent to the *ALARM* could be printed to show folks that oppression hasn't changed enough even within our own Revolutionary Ecology Movement.

I have been an activist for years and the in-fighting in all of the various groups weakens everything; the whole fiber of any movement. Peoples actions, words, ideas, lifestyles, "just being" all need to be Bio-diverse. I thought that that was just a given within the EF! realm. Many different kinds of folks can work together without spitting on each other. My piece had sexual overtones aplenty. Why does that stir up the pot so much? Is everyone still afraid of their own sexuality even after the so called "Sexual Revolution" of the late 60's, early 70's?

All issues having to do with "Life and Death" are vital issues. No subject/object is less important than any other.

I can see that my viewpoint gets people's dander up. Saving forests, rivers, wildlife, etc, is on an equal par with saving my children's future, the future of "Queers," the future of all. It is all one and the same.

Being a Witch/Pagan, the Whole Earth is my sacred temple. Just as my body and offspring are sacred.

Wiping out the human race is not a holistic answer to saving the planet.

Seeing that sex is a holy act, the most holy, why is it even an issue to fight over? Why is same-sex sex even an issue when it does not produce more humans? Hey, is masturbation/mistressbation still a "SIN" too!?!?

Get a FUCKING clue, we are all in this together! We don't have time to squabble among each other.

Get to work and shut-up!

Blessed Be
Helkat in Heat
Earth First! Bitch!

Letters to the editor should not exceed 250 words in length. If you have more than that to say, consider writing an article. We will not print letters promoting oppression in any form, although if your letter is especially stupid, we may make an example of you.

Dear *ALARM*,

Thank you for sending a copy of the *ALARM*, it is much appreciated. I would like to make a short comment about the *Earth First! Journal*. I was a subscriber and a contact for many years but when I wrote to what I referred to as the "Boy's own Journal," my letter was not published and I was immediately removed from the contact list. When I wrote to ask the reason for this I was ignored, so I rang and was told by an unidentified male voice that my letter was too contentious. There were no personal attacks in the letter, no "bad" language, just a gentle attempt at humor pointing out what I see as very real problems EF! has with macho ideas. If you'll pardon the pun, I was alarmed that EF! could not support contentious views within their ranks and that I was duly

DOING LUNCH WITH MALTHUS

Out of the crypt he hears:
"Leave us alone
isn't it bad enough that
we have to live with the dead!"
And, it was said in another city:
"The guy was an asshole,
but she couldn't leave him,
the lease was in his name."
Yesterday, a man in Grand Central Station
was sleeping standing up
there were two plywood walls nearby
behind them slept the empty benches
dreaming about the forest,
then the people
who, walking past the doors outside,
held open for change,
will sit elsewhere it seems comfortable,
if they can.
Years before the suburbs spilled
before we noticed the net
was more hole than catch
and people started eating out of dumpsters
our friend lived in a Goodwill Box.
He had a vast wardrobe, was reasonably warm
and in possession of a great many small
appliances
that did not work.
It was free space
so it was used.
In ten years
there will only be half as much, and less
goodwill
How many humans can you find in this
picture?
Anything else
-D.O. '93 Grand Central, NYC

purged. Such is life.

If possible, I would like to be included in the *ALARM* directory since it is good to stay in touch with our fellow creatures.

We live on 400 acres of untouched bush and share our lives with the creatures who were here before us. Hopefully while we're here we'll be able to live in peace while we discourage the less benign of our fellows from further destruction at least on our little part of mother Earth. Unfortunately we are surrounded by cow farmers and night stalkers (hunters), but that cruelty imposed by some does not lessen the beauty and pleasure of where we live.

Yours from King Island,
Molly Maguire

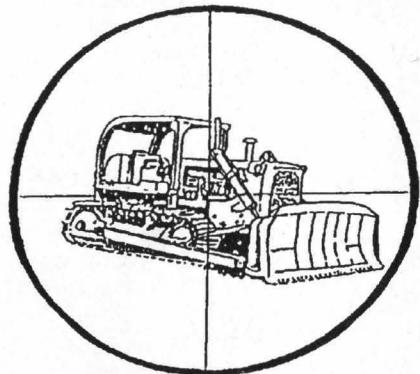
THE CHOICE OF THE LAST GENERATION

Beware the desert gods.
Dusty Yahwey, arid Allah, star
spangled Jesus.
Dirty old pharoes - jealous gods.
Singular fathers, erect and pure.
Lonely men in a cold, cold space.
They bring swaths of destruction,
wrought of Iron, forged in hell and
hating life.
Paths of desolation through a
splendid creation, mysterious
ancient and divine.
Pagan splendors, desires to dust,
food of the dead in the land of
Enoch.
Desire and lust for oil and fire and
blood of men.
Internal combustion, all set up with
consumption, fear of the wild,
Great Diana Mother of the
Ephesians sold out for Mc burgers,
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We have gotten outstanding feedback regarding the quality of the *ALARM* from as far away as southern Texas, Puerto Rico and Greece. We are doing our best to put out a high quality publication that informs people about the reality of what is happening to the earth that sustains us.

If the *ALARM* was the only thing that we did, then moneyraising wouldn't be such a burden, however, there are other projects that we will be involved in between now and the next *ALARM*.

We are involved in Indigenous solidarity work as well as various forest pro-

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tection, log export, anti-biotechnology and anti-racist groups as well as putting on a TV show.

We could just chuck the *ALARM* which is so resource (money, time, paper) intensive but we realize the necessity for it. So we're leaving it up to you, the

readers of the *ALARM*. If you believe that we should continue to provide this voice for the northeast ecological movement, then kick in some bucks to make it happen. If you think the *ALARM* is crap then let it die.

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DR. DAVID SUZUKI, WINONA LADUKE, AND FOREST CAMPAIGNS TO HIGHLIGHT FIRST NORTH AMERICAN TEMPERATE FOREST CONFERENCE THIS NOVEMBER

Burlington, VT—The Native Forest Network (NFN) will host the First North American Temperate Forest Conference at the University of Vermont in Burlington, November 11th through the 14th. Eminent Canadian environmentalist Dr. David Suzuki will be the keynote speaker and will open the conference on Thursday evening, November 11th.

Indigenous Rights activist Winona LaDuke will speak on the following evening. The conference will continue through Sunday afternoon, November 14, 1993. There will be other speakers and presentations, bioregional reports, and working discussion circles that will address the present crisis situation of our North American temperate forests and will focus on campaigns for their defense.

Last year in Tasmania, Australia, following the First International Temperate Forest Conference, the NFN agreed to hold this conference in the eastern part of North America. "The conference intends to bring indigenous people, forest dwellers, forest activists, conservation biologists and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) together for what we believe is the first time on this Continent," said NFN conference organizer, Orin Langelle. The NFN is encouraging activists from every bioregion to attend.

Besides coverage of major forest related campaigns in North America, including James Bay, Clayoquot Sound, the destruction of the National Forests by the U.S. Forest Service, etc., there will be an international overview from activists from Australia, Europe and hopefully Asia who will add a global perspective on forest extraction and genocide of indigenous peoples by multinational corporations. Conference working sessions will be geared for hands on participation. There will also be entertainment from noted environmental musicians Dana Lyons and Alice Di Miele.

The cost of the four day conference is \$45



Wilderness near Whapmagoostui, Hudson Bay Photo: Langelle

pre registration or \$50 at the door. This fee allows access to all activities, light lunches, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

The NFN feels strongly that there is a wide disparity between national environmental NGOs and local and regional NGOs on forest campaign positions. The NFN believes that the forest movement needs to create a unified body capable of protecting and restoring native forests while articulating actions on national and international levels. The conference in Vermont (and following NFN Strategy Session) will allow the opportunity to discuss this concept of a global umbrella for the forest movement so that forest defenders can unite while still remaining autonomous.

After a one day break, the NFN Strategy Session will occur from the 16th to the 18th in a country setting in the Green Mountains of Vermont. The strategy session intends to solidify the NFN and lay more groundwork for the Temperate Forest Action Network (TFAN), a priority project of the NFN. There is no set price for the strategy session, but those attending will be asked to collectively contribute to cover expenses.

Prior to the conference, a NFN Environmental Roadshow will be leaving the Pacific Northwest in September and begin a 40-plus city tour of North America with musicians, speakers and slide-show presentations. See page 3 for dates and cities.

For information concerning the conference contact Orin Langelle, Eastern North American NFN, POB 57, Burlington, VT 05402 USA, (802) 658-2403. email: peacejustice.igc.apc.org

For information concerning the roadshow contact Suzanne Pardee (206) 542-1356.

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